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## 'WOEFUL BREACH OF TRUST' - SAYS JUDGE IN CROWN COURT HEARING...

# Two women are jailed for a £65k burglary

REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

**TWO women who  
raided a Vale of  
Glamorgan country  
house and made off  
with jewellery  
worth more than  
£65,000, including a  
£12,000 Cartier  
watch, have each  
been jailed for two  
years, three months  
at Cardiff Crown  
Court.**

Judge Philip Richards said the pair had "targeted an innocent victim" when she was taking her children to school.

Paula Miles, 34, and Claire Gimblett, 40, a mother of two, of Peacehaven, Tredegar, each admitted a charge of burglary Porthkerry House.

Said Judge Philip Richards: "It was a very mean, very serious offence, committed against a woman who lived with her much-loved two children.

"You invaded their home and stole valuable property."

He added: "There was a degree of planning and others were blamed by you."

Prosecutor Matthew Cobb said: "This was an offence of some gravity."

He said the couple had appeared before Cardiff Crown Court last year and denied the charge, but the trial was aborted when the defendants took an overdose.

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## 'DENTAL MAVERICKS' HELP 350 CHILDREN ON MOROCCO TRIP!

A 'Dental Mavericks' trip to Morocco, which involved two Barry health workers, has helped 350 needy children.

The charity is committed to ending daily dental pain for children in remote areas of the country which do not have access to modern dentistry.

Louise Bottomer, who lives in Barry, and Gareth Crowther, from St Mellons, undertook the five-day trip in early May.

Louise and Gareth, who work for Advance Dental Care, were lucky to even get in the country!

Gareth explained: "We were nearly barred from entry because we were designated 'of no fixed abode' - the officials were not very co-operative.

"Eventually, we were collected by a 4x4 from the airport and taken to a guest-house in Asni, a small village in the Atlas Mountains.

"Initially, we were both very anxious about

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the language barrier, but the other Dental Mavericks were very supportive and helpful.

"We just learned to leave our dignity at the door and get as silly as possible, because if you could get a smile or a giggle out of the kids, you knew you'd won and they'd give you as much help as you gave them.

"The children were fantastic and so grateful for the help they received.

"Our local competition was a man working as a barber in the middle of the village souk (market) who with one unidentifiable instrument takes teeth out with local anaesthetic provided by tying the patient's hands to the chair.

"On the first day, we set up clinic in the Asni Village School setting up basic but effective collapsible dental chairs and setting out and cold-sterilising the

instruments. On the second day, we moved the clinic across the valley to another village and set up in the Eve Branson Foundation classroom."

The Mavericks' clinic was split into two parts: triage, fluoride application, and oral hygiene instruction and treatment - which sometimes involved taking teeth out.

Gareth took turns with the other dentists there, assessing patients and finding out where any pain was located and deciding which teeth had to come out.

Louise took turns with the nurses, applying the fluoride varnish, giving tooth-brushing instruction, and assisting the extractions.

Louise said: "We worked with other dentists and nurses from around the UK as far afield as Hull, Stafford, Liverpool and Kent, which added to the fun and camaraderie in this group of 17 Mavericks."

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ABOVE: Louise with one grateful little client.

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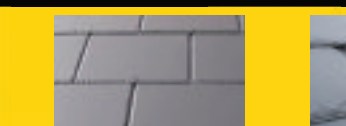
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## 'Real electoral challenge is the lack of PR'

**YOUR** reader FMD Knill (GEM letters, May 21) is misguided if he thinks that any of the seven Vale candidates would not meet his proposed election deposit requirement of £5,000, returnable only if 7.5 per cent of the votes cast were gained.

All seven general election candidates represented national political parties with meaningful policies to present to the electorate, and would not have been deterred by such criteria.

The number of votes gained by each party does not accurately reflect the level of support they may have had in the constituency, as there are other forces at work.

As many of your readers know, the real challenge to democracy today is the lack of proportional representation.

How many votes cast for Labour or Conservative would have been cast for one of the other candidates, if voters actually thought every vote for every party counted?

Too many (myself included) chose to vote for one of the two main parties, rather than their first choice party, as the system only rewards the first past the post. How

many chose not to vote at all, as they felt a vote was meaningless unless cast for Labour or Conservative?

With a Government elected by only 25 per cent of the electorate and not representative of Scotland, Wales, Ireland, or the vast majority of English cities something is going badly wrong.

The current system gives great advantage to those parties able to fund lengthy campaigns that include TV and radio coverage, newspaper advertising and leafleting.

To then limit the list of candidates to those who are considered (by whom?) to have a realistic chance of winning, would make life very dull and ensure the status quo/elite society is maintained.

How would UKIP, the Greens, the SNP, and too many Independents to name, ever have made their mark on our democracy if the likes of FMD Knill had their way?

My party (Cannabis is Safer than Alcohol) has already stated its intention to campaign at the 2016 Assembly elections (Wales, Scotland, N Ireland and London) and anticipates that the more progressive voting systems in use will better reflect the popularity of the introduction of a legally-regulated drugs market.

**Steve Reed, Rhosee** (parliamentary candidate CISTA).

## Readers' Letters

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## 'Affordable homes central to updated Development Plan'

**I** HAVE read with interest readers' letters to The GEM regarding housing in the Vale, particularly those on the provision of affordable housing for the rural Vale.

As contributors to these letters pages in recent months have acknowledged, high monthly rents and house prices, particularly in the rural Vale, are out of the reach of many young people and families, who might wish to live there.

This is why providing affordable homes for the Vale is a central theme to the updated Local Development Plan (LDP) which will be presented to the Vale Council's cabinet for consideration in early June.

Much work has gone into redrafting the plan and before it is presented to the public, I would like to make it absolutely clear, that the council's primary concern and motivation in developing the new plan has been our responsibility to foster the development of sustainable communities in the Vale.

The Vale has changed greatly in recent decades and as a result,

communities will evolve and this can bring many benefits.

However, this evolution should not be at the expense of local residents with longstanding ties to the area, and must not be allowed to undermine the sustainability of our rural communities in particular.

My cabinet colleagues and I have been concerned for some time about the effect the lack of affordable housing can have on the health of rural communities and have become acutely aware that there are a great many people who wish to live in the communities where they grew up, but are unable to do so.

It is also recognised that when people move away, it can have a negative effect on the viability of local schools, businesses, services and families.

Where affordable housing is provided, local lettings and sales policies can be applied, which give those people with ties to the local area priority for new affordable houses, enabling local people to remain within their communities.

Such schemes have proved to be both popular and successful in rural areas in recent years and

have been used to great effect locally in developments such as The Herberts in St Mary Church and the Old Station Yard in St Athan.

This model of development has a proven record in the Vale and one that will be continued.

Obviously, homes alone do not make communities. That is why the new LDP will set out a plan that will not only manage house building in the rural Vale to ensure it delivers homes that meet local people's needs, but will also ensure that this is accompanied by the development of local infrastructure and services to enable all of our communities to thrive.

Full details of the LDP will be available in the current weeks, as will the means by which residents can share their views with the independent planning inspector who will be evaluating the plan and all comments received.

As Leader of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, I look forward to the Vale of Glamorgan developing as a prosperous and sustainable county for the future.  
**Councillor Neil Moore**  
Leader of the Vale Council

## 'BRAVO THE WELSH NHS!'

**I** ATTENDED Llandough Hospital today for an MRI scan and cannot speak highly enough of the way I was treated.

First, the appointment was for Saturday morning, saving time off work. I arrived early, but was seen very promptly and the whole procedure was over really quickly.

Secondly, as a sufferer from claustrophobia, I was really dreading the scan, but the radiographers were kindness itself. As the scan was for my knee, I was able to have my head outside the machine, and they made sure I knew what was happening and why.

So bravo, Welsh NHS and the people who work there giving up their time on a sunny Bank Holiday Saturday. You turned my dread to delight!  
**Mrs Bramble Coppins, Barry.**

## Ambulance response times

**W**HY is the ambulance service in Wales so poor? The figures given out by the Welsh Government show that only about half of emergency calls hit the minimum response time; how on earth is this possible?

Overall, the rates are not very good, but the Cwm Taf Health Board covering RCT and Merthyr has a miserable 46 per cent response rate.

I don't blame the paramedics, who do a great job. Surely this is a dreadful indictment of the Welsh Government and, in particular, Cardiff South and Penarth AM Vaughan Gethin, who is actually responsible for ambulances!

Week after week, we

see Labour AMs blaming everyone under the sun for problems in Wales. Yet the ambulance service is the clear responsibility of the Labour-led Government. I remember them saying that response times would be met six months ago. What a farce.

I know that Plaid Cymru is committed to link health and care so that patients could be released from hospital earlier. This would be a huge benefit and avoid the obscene queues of ambulances at the Heath that we regularly see.

We also need to review the out-of-hours care service so that unnecessary attendance at A&E can be avoided.

It's time to give a shock to the complacent Labour rule in the Bay. To my mind, Plaid offers a better option.  
**David Wilton,**  
(Plaid Cymru member, Penarth).

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### HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JUNE 4)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

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31 Sun	05.48	9.4	18.12	9.8
01 Mon	06.31	10.0	18.52	10.2
02 Tues	07.11	10.3	19.37	10.5
03 Wed	07.54	10.4	20.16	10.6
04 Thur	08.35	10.5	20.57	10.7

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## 'Time to end two-party system'

**N**OW that the parliamentary dust has settled and MPs begin to bed themselves in, the whole voting system needs to be looked at in the light of the representation of the smaller parties highlighted by Mr Goacher in The GEM.

The current Government has a majority of 12 and will find it difficult to implement legislation such as European issues where the Labour Party and SNP are against a referendum.

I know from my own experience having worked alongside Ministers and MPs in the 1970s in Parliament that once the new brigade understand the parliamentary bible Erskine May, which Mr Salmond will be aware of, tactics such as blocking amendments will stretch the Government as they no longer have the Liberal Democrats to rely upon.

The first past the post system is unfair when UKIP, who polled four million voters, only had one seat, while the SNP with five per cent of the vote gained 57 seats. The present Government have only

26 per cent of the vote.

I feel it would benefit all parties, as it has done in Germany which has had PR since 1945 and it works very well.

The proposal of PR in 2011 was not very specific.

I know that the Electoral Reform Society have started a campaign. It is time to look at an alternative to the two-party state and lean more to consensus politics and a fairer society.

**Roy Chappell, Llantwit Major.**

GEM NOTE: Since Mr Chappell wrote to us, the Labour Party has endorsed an EU referendum.

## Thank you to chick-knitters!

**I** WOULD like to thank everyone who has helped me raise an amazing £3,000 for the Velindre Chick Knit Appeal.

Thank you to my family and friends who have knitted chicks and bunnies, the shops, hairdressers, cafés, friends and the Enfyts Craft Fayre who sold them and, of course, the many people who have purchased them once again this year.

The Chick Knit Appeal has raised approximately £1.3 million since it started in 1997, with all proceeds used to support patients at the Velindre Cancer Centre. An amazing 70,000 chicks were knitted and sold this year, with some being sent as far afield as the USA, France, Africa and Singapore.

More knitters are always required; the chick pattern can be obtained by download on [www.velindrecc.wales.nhs.uk/chick-knit-appeal-1](http://www.velindrecc.wales.nhs.uk/chick-knit-appeal-1) or by contacting Julie on 02920 196860.  
**Barbara Entwistle, Barry.**

## GOOD SAMARITANS TO THE RESCUE...

**I** WOULD like to wholeheartedly thank all those kind people who stopped to give assistance when I tripped and fell on a damaged pavement, while walking along the path towards Barry Island in the early evening of May 13.

Good Samaritans supplied a pillow for my head, contacted my son and reassured my family, alerted the medical team, called the ambulance, took my car to the house, and alerted my wonderful neighbours.

One good neighbour collected, in advance, a beautifully organised sleep-over bag and arrived at the hospital at the same time as the ambulance. She even stayed with me for a while before setting off home. My family and I are truly grateful.

I am on the mend and this may well be attributed to your on-the-spot assistance and TLC.  
**Mrs Elisa Lawrence, Barry.**

## Pavement issues

**U**P until recently, most of my travelling has been by car and I was sick of the state of the roads; now I'm forced to use a wheelchair to get around the locality, and, wow, what an eye-opener!

Pavements like patchwork quilts so uneven it's like riding on a bucking bronco. Another problem is the lack of dropped kerbs, and even when available to use, there can still be a three-inch drop as the road surface has been eroded away.

Come on Vale of Glamorgan Council, spend some money where it's needed and not on cycle paths nobody uses. This doesn't just affect the disabled, but mothers with prams, the elderly etc.  
**Richard Enos, Barry.**

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## WOMEN ARE JAILED FOR BURGLARY

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He said the victim, Mrs Vanessa Barker, lived at Porthkerry House which is in an isolated position.

At one time Miles had worked for her as a cleaner.

She finished her employment in 2013 but worked for her occasionally.

"She remained on friendly terms with Mrs Barker and purported to be her friend."

He added, "There was a cynical effort by Miles to exploit her so-called friendship and establish when the house would be empty."

He said that Miles knew Mrs Barker left home before 7.30am to take her children to school, and she also knew where the jewellery was kept.

Mr Cobb said Miles was in a relationship with Gimblett. They lived in Tredegar and travelled a considerable distance to commit the burglary.

On January 20, 2014, they drove to the house and parked near Porthkerry parish church.

Miles had a key to the house and used it to gain entry.

"Once inside, they helped themselves to jewellery worth more than £65,000."

"Builders who were working on the drive assumed they were staying in the house

legitimately, but when they saw the new cleaner a little later, they raised the alarm and realised there had been a burglary."

He said that in their haste to get away, they dropped their car keys in the garden.

Shortly after they began to make efforts to sell the jewellery, and contacted a jeweller in Bath in an effort to sell a £12,000 Cartier watch.

Mr Cobb said that a CCTV unit near the church filmed their car arriving at 7.29am.

Mr Cobb said the offence had severely affected Mrs Barker and giving evidence at the earlier trial had been enormously distressing.

Not only were the items of high value, but they were priceless in sentimental terms.

Mrs Barker had explained that she did not have contents insurance, and therefore lost over £65,000.

Geoffrey Jones for Miles, said: "She has lost everything including her good name."

Stuart McLeese, for Gimblett, said: "The offence was totally out of character and she has constantly expressed remorse."

He added: "She will never trouble the courts again for what was a moment of madness."

The judge told Miles she had been the architect of a heinous crime and had displayed a woeful breach of trust.

## 'Mavericks' head to Morocco and help youngsters

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Louise continued: "One of the hardest things to overcome was the local bureaucracy, not just in the airport but the visits from government officials who nearly stopped the two dental therapists from working altogether."

Fortunately, a compromise was reached.

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Louise said: "The other issue encountered was the same official prohibiting the opening let alone the use of restorative equipment, things such as handpieces, portable suction and filling materials which had been impounded for 12 months in Marrakech port. Finally they were released."

"The official had needed four other colleagues to be present to open the machines and declare them safe to use!"

"This was gutting to us all at the time as next year we could pretty much guarantee several children would be having their permanent front teeth extracted which for the sake of simple restorative treatment now would not have to happen."

Gareth said that their efforts were appreciated by people on the ground even if those in authority were less helpful.

"Several locals were willing to assist our mission at considerable inconvenience to themselves and put the Moroccan Government

to shame.

"The mayor put us up in his home, the caretaker of the school helped set up the clinic, and the Eve Branson Foundation's local coordinator helped smooth things over with the officials and drove us from and to the airport."

A local teacher helped to interpret and drove vehicles, and the lady who ran the local café helped with triage and made us our lunchtime tagines!

"We would both describe the trip as the most physically tiring and emotionally draining thing we've ever done in the field of dentistry but probably the most rewarding and we'd love to go back and do it again."

"Dental Mavericks is a fantastic cause and well worth supporting and we would like to extend our warmest thanks to all who donated or bought raffle tickets in support of the equipment and materials."

"The collapsible dental chairs, though basic, are £800 each, not to mention the cost of local anaesthetics, wipes, bibs, and kidney bowls."

"In the end the results speak for themselves with 350 children treated and hopefully the basic oral hygiene instruction will leave some legacy."

If you want to support the Dental Mavericks cause, please follow the link:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/AdvanceDental>.



ABOVE:  
A total of 350 children were helped by the Mavericks during the five day trip.

### Art group's exhibition

THE Dinas Powys Art Group is holding an exhibition on June 6 and June 7, 10am to 4pm, at the Parish Hall in Dinas Powys.

The group's charity this year is Marie Curie, and it will receive a percentage of painting sales, plus the proceeds of a collection. There will also be a raffle and tea and cakes. The entry charge is 50p.

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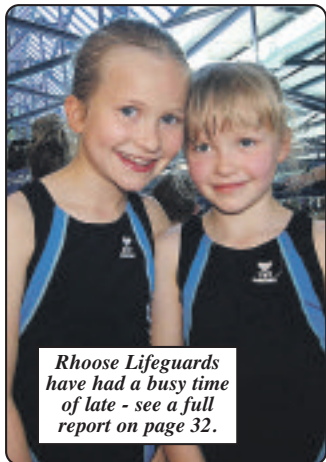
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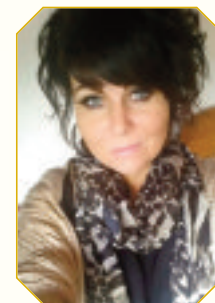
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# Queen of romantic novels developed love of stories during her Barry childhood

**A Barry-born author has topped the Amazon Kindle contemporary romance novel list.**

Sandra Mackness (73) who writes under the name Jill Barry, has been generating quite a following among people who enjoy downloading romantic stories using the latest technology.

Among her popular titles are *Devilish Delights*, *Love on the Menu*, *Homefront* – and *A Life Less Lonely* which recently secured her the number one spot. Sandra's examination of relationships and people recovering from setbacks in life seems to strike a real chord with readers.

She explained: "I was once advised in writing a story 'don't make a character all shiny pants, we all have flaws'."

Although Sandra now lives in Ammanford,

Carmarthenshire, her formative years were spent in Barry, and it was at the town's library that she developed her love of stories and literature.

"My father Henry was born in Liverpool and my mother Lillian born in Chepstow. They both moved to Barry.

"My father started working in the docks. He later owned The Corner Garage on the current Kwik Fit site (just off Gladstone Road roundabout).

"I attended the local girls' grammar school and enjoyed spending lots of time in the library. I enjoyed reading the classics – comics too!"

After school, Sandra took a secretarial course and worked as the assistant to the Butlin's entertainments manager in Minehead.

"I was once called to the reception to help a new arrival – the actor Jon Pertwee (of Doctor Who fame) who did a Sunday night variety show."

Sandra married her husband Tony in 1971 and the couple ran a guest house in Wiltshire.

As a child, she had enjoyed writing stories and in the mid-nineties rediscovered that pleasure. She knew the actor George Baker of *I Claudius* and *Wexford* fame, who had TV writing credits and lived in her village. He encouraged her literary ambitions.

She sent a story to BBC Wiltshire Sound, which was used and that gave her the confidence to pursue her interest in writing. She then wrote stories for women's magazines.

Her marriage was a happy one, but she was widowed in 1998.

"It was a big change. Sudden loss hits you and the ripples go on and on. At times you feel guilty and think, 'should I be happy?'"

Sandra has examined some of these complex emotions in her novels.

She relocated to Wales with her new partner in 2000 and now spends her time writing and teaching creative writing to students via the internet as far afield as China, Spain, Ireland and Belize.

Having a public profile on the internet is important for an author and Sandra regularly tweets under the name Jill Barry, to let friends and readers know all the latest news.

In her spare time she enjoys reading the American novelist Anita Shreve – "she writes lovely prose" – and Welsh writer Rosie Thomas. She is also a great follower of tennis.

by GEM REPORTER



**Sandra Mackness – better known to readers as Jill Barry – with one of her recent titles, 'Devilish Delights'.**

## Four speakers tackle the challenges of leadership

**THE Porthcawl U3A Study Day held at the Hi-Tide proved a great success, with 15 U3A groups from as far away as Barry, Pembroke, Llandovery, and Newport attending.**

'Meeting the challenges of leadership' was the intriguing subject addressed by four very different leaders, who all face demanding challenges from contrasting organizations and institutions.

The first of the two morning speakers was Dame Rosemary Butler AM, Presiding Officer at the National Assembly for Wales in Cardiff, who has a powerful role in the Senedd.

Her responsibilities as Chair of the Assembly include following Standing Orders, ensuring all parties have representation on committees and Back Benchers get fair participation in the chamber.

However, her talk included many personal stories, such as her unplanned leap into local government.

The small park in Newport where she often took her two small children to play had no public bench for mothers and her local councillors were not interested.

Exasperated, she stood at the next council election and not only won, but four weeks later the park had a new bench!

Paul Canning and Steve Jones from Wales Air Ambulance surprised everyone with details of this outstanding service which leases three advanced Eurocopters based in Caernarfon, Welshpool and Swansea.

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emergency attendance takes just nine minutes and they can attend anywhere in Wales within 20 minutes.

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After lunch, John Walmsley, Principal of Atlantic College revealed what many think is Wales' best kept secret – the fascinating story and work of this world renowned educational centre on our doorstep.

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Two engaging senior students, one being from Swansea, helped attendees understand this very different educational approach by recounting their unusual experiences, academic interests and future aspirations.

The final talk on leadership was given by Colonel Lance Patterson, Deputy Commander 160 Brigade, Brecon who ended a rewarding day by explaining the complicated challenges found in the modern



**Pat Munro U3A; Dame Rosemary Butler AM, and Handel Davies, chairman of Porthcawl U3A.**

British Army.

With their unique role of having to 'risk life and take life' known as the Covenant, leaders are continually questioning their function and core purpose, both at home and overseas in this fast changing world.

Colonel Patterson stated that the British

Army's weapons and equipment were the same as many opponents', but the British soldier was the best trained in the world and the army leadership was committed to transformational management.

**GARY VICTOR**  
(Porthcawl U3A)

## ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR: warning at Rhose Point

**PROPOSED byelaws to prohibit swimming, fishing, and camping in the area, will be enforced where people persist with antisocial behaviour, the Vale council warns.**

"In January 2013 a consultation was launched to local residents and organisations on the proposal to introduce byelaws at Rhose Point to tackle complaints of antisocial behaviour in the area. Due to a change in legislation, the council is required to undertake another consultation," a spokesperson said.

"Of those that responded to the 2013 consultation, over 60 per

cent said they had experienced some form of antisocial behaviour in the area in the past 12 months, with over 80 per cent agreeing that the council should introduce byelaws to help tackle antisocial behaviour."

Residents of Rhose Point will receive a consultation pack containing relevant information and a consultation response form to fill in and return.

Other residents can send written responses to FREEPOST RTGU-JGBH-YYJZ, Rhose Point Byelaws Consultation, Corporate and Customer Services, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Barry, CF63 4RU, or email consultation@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

## HIGHLIGHT PARK WI HEARS TALK ON WORLD WAR ONE

**THE branch month started with our Tuesday meeting when one of our own members, Lynne Oliver, gave a very interesting talk on World War One.**

Members had been asked to bring anything to do with the war, and one or two items were brought along that led to a very interesting discussion.

Our main meeting on Tuesday was the AGM, when the election of officers and the committee took place. Our president and secretary gave very good

reports on the year, on the speakers we have had, and the days out and our 25th birthday lunch.

Most of the committee were reelected and there was one new member. The president and secretary after being voted in again for another year, both announced that this would be their last year. They will be very hard to replace.

For further information about the WI branch, please contact me on 01446 734283.

**Pat Weavers**

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# Welsh bunting flies for the WI centenary!

ON May 18, Cadoxton (Barry) WI branch held a host meeting for the Link and the hall had been decorated with Welsh bunting and Union Jacks.

WI celebrates its centenary this year – it was founded in 1915 – and besides the three members of the Link, several other branches attended with guests.

The entertainment was provided by the popular Vale of Glamorgan Brass Band, and the concert was in three parts, including a Welsh medley, a sing-a-long and a swing session.

Diane and Margaret did us proud,

servicing teas and coffees to over 67 people. Well done! There were many raffles with prizes including a set of lamps donated by the family of the late Kathleen Cocks. Wednesday was an invite from Sully WI to a Bon Marche fashion show and Thursday saw an invite to Dinas Powys Link meeting, where the children from Dinas Powys Primary School entertained with a selection of songs from *Joseph and his Technicolour Dream Coat*. Really amazing, well done children.

Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at Victoria Park Community Centre from 7pm. Contact 01446 404891 for further information.

## Penarth and District Ramblers PATCH AND MEG LEAD WALKERS' SPRING RAMBLE

THE Penarth and District Ramblers hosted the second summer evening walk and meeting leader Geraint and his sheepdog Patch at the Twyn in Dinas Powys, 13 walkers and Meg the dog set off along Station Road for a three-mile stroll of the local area.

A series of steps led them downhill from Wesley Court onto Cardiff Road near the railway station and crossing the road and heading under the Coffinmakers railway bridge which carries the Barry line and, moving into Elm Grove Place, they continued along St Cadoc's Avenue then into Sunnycroft Lane, heading uphill and joining a rough track through woodland.

At the junction of Cross Common Road and tramping in a westerly direction downhill before crossing several stiles into lush green fields, the sun soaked misty views towards Sully, Barry Island and out over the Bristol Channel were very much admired.

Crossing a stile to arrive in Green Lane, they noticed Japanese Knotweed amongst the hedgerows. This plant was brought to Britain

in the mid 19th century. Since then, its rate of growth means it is now classed as an invasive plant and is very hard to get rid of!

Exiting onto a bank beside the busy Cardiff Road, it was a relief to cross over into the lovely Parc Bryn-y-Don with its well kept playing fields and Patch entertained the group with his trick of jumping over his master's stick and diving through his legs on command.

Passing through a housing estate, then back onto Cardiff Road, they deviated onto Dinas Powys Common learning that at the south western end there lies a rare lowland Romano-British farmstead with a field system, which can only really be seen from the

air. Excavation of the area had revealed a rough drystone wall and broken pottery in the topsoil relating to the second – fourth century.

After passing the Dinas Powys Methodist Church and tramping back to the Twyn, with sunshine still streaming down, some members enjoyed a refreshing drink after what had been a delightful evening walk.

On May 30, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 9.5 mile moderate/hard walk in the Wye Valley, taking in King Arthur's Cave, the one-man ferry across the river, Huntsham Hill and Yat Rock; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

JOY STRANGWARD

### NEWS IN BRIEF

**PENARTH Local History Society** has organised a day trip to Sudeley Castle and gardens in Winchcombe, Gloucestershire on Thursday, June 11.

A coach will leave from All Saints' Church, Penarth at 9am, returning at approximately 6.30pm. Call Brian Fisher (02920 514500) or Michael Gandy (02920 700211) by June 5. Cost £25 to include coach and entry to castle and gardens.

#### Benefits advice

**AGE CONNECTS Cardiff and Vale** will advise on welfare rights on Tuesday, June 9 (9.30am-11.30am) at the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. Home visits can be arranged. Contact 01446 732385 for further information; no appointment is needed.

## War museum visit for the PAS aviation enthusiasts

**MEMBERS of Penarth Aviation Society (PAS)** visited the historic aircraft collection at the Imperial War Museum, Duxford, Cambridgeshire, on May 19-20.

RAF Duxford was one of the 'front line' fighter airfields during the Battle of Britain. Duxford's fighter squadrons became the first to be equipped with the famous Supermarine Spitfire, in addition to the workhorse of the 'Battle', the Hawker Hurricane.

This station was home to the 'Big Wing' of five squadrons led by the legendary, legless pilot, Squadron Leader Douglas Bader. The squadrons included Canadians, Czechs and Poles. During the peak of the Battle on 15th September 1940 some 60 RAF fighters successfully attacked a large number of German aircraft raiding London; the Wing claimed 45 German aircraft.

As a result of this battle, also fought by other RAF squadrons in south east England, Hitler cancelled his planned invasion of Britain, indefinitely, due to unsustainable German losses and their poor intelligence about the aircraft numbers that the RAF actually had.

As one of five Imperial War Museums throughout the UK, Duxford is dedicated, mainly to aircraft dating from World War One through to the Cold War era. There are eight hangars and buildings, including the American Air Museum that contains, amongst others, a B29 bomber from World War Two, and the giant B52 jet bomber still flying today with the US Air Force.

The American museum is currently being re-developed and opens in the spring of next year. A team of dedicated staff and volunteers at

Duxford is some 4½ hours by road, including a stop, but well worth a visit.

The next meeting of PAS is at 7.45pm on Friday, June 5 at Penarth Conservative Club. The guest speaker is Peter E Roe from Nova Scotia, Canada, who will talk about 'Early Aviation Pioneers'.

**BARRIE HOWELL**

## Welsh photo exhibition

**ART CENTRAL in Barry** recently hosted the opening of 'The Welsh Salon of Photography' organised by the Welsh Photographic Federation (WPF) where 250 images are exhibited.

It was opened by Jane Huft AM, who spoke with pride about Barry's own Camera Club, which will be having a dedicated exhibition in Art Central during August this year. Awards

were presented by federation president and portfolio officer, Vince Penticost, who commented: "In the 55 years of exhibiting the Welsh Photography Salon Competition in venues across Wales, Art Central Gallery has been the best venue yet, and everyone visiting has been very, very impressed with the space."

The exhibition at Art Central on King Square, Barry, ends on May 30.



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# BARRY COMPREHENSIVE WINS THE TOP PRIZE AT CARDIFF UNIVERSITY EVENT

Four students from Barry Comprehensive School were awarded a first place prize after representing the school at the Salters Festival of Chemistry at Cardiff University.

The main focus of the morning was 'The

## Friends of the Earth plan an 'ash' protest

AS if to add insult to injury, the latest proposal is to transport thousands of tons of Cardiff's incinerator bottom ash through Dinas Powys and along Cardiff Road, to be dumped and treated on the east end of Barry Docks, just below Dock View Road.

For five years Barry & Vale Friends of the Earth have worked with residents, to oppose the incinerator and we now join them in their opposition to toxic ash being dumped in their town.

Gathering together last week, activists produced placards and banners which they will be displaying on June 2nd to highlight opposition to further pollution.

This will be an 'al fresco' Friends of the Earth meeting, outside the Waterfront sales offices and will start at

6pm. There is still time to object to these crazy ideas, through the Vale Council (201500360/FUL is the ash reference; 201500031/OUT is the incinerator reference). You can object on-line or in writing.

We doubt whether the developers have informed new house purchasers of their possible neighbours but we are sure the new residents would welcome the development of the dockside sailing/water activities, the solar panel energy site and wind turbines, rather than air pollution and constant high levels of background noise.

So, if you value the air you breathe and the environment you live in, come along to Barry's Waterfront at 6pm on Tuesday, June 2, to demonstrate your feelings and opposition to these unsustainable, noisy 365/24/7 nightmares.

**Keith Stockdale**  
Barry & Vale  
Coordinator.

FoE

Salters' Challenge', a competitive, practical activity, for which no advance preparation is required.

In the afternoon students tackled 'The University Challenge', a practical investigation chosen by the University.

This was followed by an entertaining lecture with 'pops and bangs' demonstrations. The day ended with a short prize-giving at which the winning schools received prizes and all participants received certificates.

Cameron Morgan, Rhys Powell, Calum Thomas and Mark Williams from year-8 competed in the Salters Challenge against 10 other schools from south Wales and were awarded first place!

Congratulations to the boys on their excellent display of lab skills and teamwork.

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The winning Barry Comprehensive team: Mark, Cameron, Rhys, and Calum.

## Citizens Advice Bureau offers 'debt' sessions

THE Citizens Advice Bureau in partnership with Barry Communities First are offering drop in advice sessions in Barry for those who need assistance with debt, benefits or other issues.

These sessions take place at the Community Enterprise Centre, Skomer Road on Mondays between 9.30pm-12.30pm or at Coastlands Family Church, Tennyson Road, Colcot on Thursdays between 4.30pm-6pm.

A drop-in service is also available at the Citizens Advice Bureau office on 119 Broad Street, Monday to Friday, 9.30am-4.30pm or if you would rather call, the telephone advice line is 03444 77 20 20.

## History meeting

RHOOSE and District History Society is holding another of its monthly meetings on Friday, May 29, at 7.30pm in the lesser hall of Rhose Community Hall, Stewart Road, Rhose.

Peter Simon will be speaking on 'Gems of the Vale'.

The meeting will be preceded by the society's AGM, at 6.30pm at the same venue.

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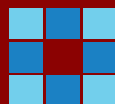
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## Arts and crafts festival for over-50s a success



Gill Davies, Mathew Salisbury (artist), Vanessa Mordin (holding watercolour); Vale AM Jane Hutt, Jack Hawkins, and Lynda Hawkins, chairman of Vale 50+ Strategy Forum.

THE Vale 50+ Strategy Forum held its annual arts, crafts and leisure Gwanwyn spring festival in Golau Caredig Extra Care Facility in Barry.

There were many 'come and try' activities, including sketching, computers, knitting, crochet, gentle exercises, shared reading, adult learning classes, and Community First initiatives; with t'ai chi and Pedal Power bikes in the park.

People also had the opportunity to sit and relax and have a free nail polish and hand massage. Lots of free tea, coffee, biscuits and homemade Welsh cakes were also available.

It was a very busy day, with over 120 people at the event.

The forum would like to thank Alun Cairns MP, Jane Hutt AM, and Coun Stuart Egan, Older People's Champion VOGC, for giving their support.

Also our thanks to all the stall holders, and to the management of Golau Caredig for providing the venue.

## Help us to keep pavements clear

**GUIDE DOGS CYMRU** is asking GEM readers to take a few minutes of their time this **Volunteers' Week (June 1-7)** to help change the law on pavement parking.

We believe that inconsiderate parking forces pedestrians, particularly those with sight loss, into the path of danger. They may be left with no choice but to walk in the road when they find the pavement is blocked.

You can help our campaign by taking a photo of a car or other vehicle blocking a pavement near you, and emailing it to [campaigns@guidedogs.org.uk](mailto:campaigns@guidedogs.org.uk) with the street name and place where you took it. And that's it!

Guide Dogs will use your photo to build a map of problems areas in every parliamentary constituency across the UK. We will use this map to try to persuade MPs to change the law to stop the problem of pavement parking.

Doing a bite-size task for a good cause such as this, without having to make a regular commitment, is known as micro-volunteering. It makes volunteering for Guide Dogs Cymru much easier than you might think. By taking just a few minutes out of your day to help us change the law to stop inconsiderate pavement parking, you can make a difference to the lives of people with sight loss.

To find out about other volunteering opportunities with Guide Dogs Cymru, ring Steve Kersley on 07785 907728 or



Parking on the pavement at Laleston, Bridgend.

email [Steve.Kersley@guidedogs.org.uk](mailto:Steve.Kersley@guidedogs.org.uk)

Every hour, another person in the UK loses their sight. If it's you, we're here to make sure you don't lose your freedom as well. But we can only do this with the support of volunteers and the time they give – whether that's a lot of their time, or a little. Steve Kersley, Cardiff. Volunteer Co-ordinator, Guide Dogs Cymru.

## St John Ambulance reunion

A CALL has gone out for former members of St John Cymru-Wales to help celebrate the Penarth division's centenary.

A service will be held at All Saints Church in Penarth on September 13 to mark the group's 100th anniversary, and former members are being invited to attend.

Pat Chestney, a member of the Penarth division, said: "We're hoping to get as many people who were involved in St John Wales in the town along to the centenary, which will be a very special day for everyone who has links to the division."

For more information, contact Mrs Chestney on [p.chestney@nitworld.com](mailto:p.chestney@nitworld.com), or by calling 029 2033 0155 or 07809 059987.

## VALE COUNCIL HANDS £2,370 TO FOODBANKS



LEFT: Councillors Neil Moore, Stuart Egan and Gwyn John, with volunteers at a Barry-based food bank.

THE Vale of Glamorgan Council in Barry to deliver has donated the cheque as well £2,370.53 to Vale as donating bags of Foodbanks. The food.

It follows the success of the Cyd Cymru collective energy switching scheme launched in 2013 by the Vale and Cardiff councils. Since its launch, over 5,000

people have registered with the scheme which uses collective buying power to negotiate a range of unique, money-saving tariffs, resulting in an average saving of £185 per household.

As part of the Cyd Cymru Scheme, money is paid into a community fund. To date, £19,000 has been raised which is being distributed among

participating local authorities.

The Vale Council's share will help combat the effects of fuel poverty, with the money being split equally between the four Trussell Trust Foodbanks in the area, based at Tennyson Road and St Mary's Church in Barry, as well as Dinas Powys and Llantwit Major.

Coun Moore said: "It is a sad reflection on today's society that we need foodbanks to help some of the most vulnerable people in our community."

"When we received our share of the fund we decided that we would donate any money the Vale received to foodbanks in the county. I am, therefore, delighted to be able to give them a cheque for £2370.53 to help them continue their invaluable work."

## Neighbourhood keeping watch

ON Tuesday, May 19, the Vale of Glamorgan Neighbourhood Watch Association held its AGM at the Fire Station in Barry, attended by around 25 Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators and police representatives from across the county.

The meeting heard a short presentation from John Munton from Cardiff, who spoke about the national association and the forthcoming Neighbourhood Watch week. Neighbourhood Watch, he noted, is the largest voluntary organisation in the UK.

Steve Proffitt from the City of London Police, representing Action Fraud, then gave a very stimulating and interesting presentation on cyber crime and what everyone can do to

prevent it. His advice and tips were much appreciated by all present.

The Vale of Glamorgan Neighbourhood Watch Association is a long-standing organisation that co-ordinates all Neighbourhood Watch activities in the Vale and works closely with the Safer Vale Partnership, based at Barry Police Station.

If any community wishes to set up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme or needs any signs, leaflets or further information, or if any co-ordinator would like to join the committee, please contact the Safer Vale Partnership on 01446 450200 or e-mail [safervale@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](mailto:safervale@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk).

Alternatively, please contact Dr David Ellis on 01446 796517 or e-mail [delis@elliscymru.co.uk](mailto:delis@elliscymru.co.uk). Why not help to make the Vale of Glamorgan a safer and better place to live? DE

## Sully Bridge Club results

MONDAY, May 18, North/South:

1st Peter Millar/Jane Brook 66.99, 2nd Patsy Cohen/Joy Secular 58.65, 3rd Vernon Pearn/Pam Sherman 56.73. East/West: 1st Trish Tracy/Diana Jones 71.96, 2nd Carolyn Matthews/Alan Jones 55.29, 3rd Roger Cradick/Richard Allely 55.13.

Wednesday, May 20, North/South: 1st Peter Millar/Trish Tracy 71.35, 2nd Diane Coates/Kathy Coates 66.67, 3rd Ann Williams/Marilyn Jones 60.94. East/West: 1st Hazel

Craig/Peter Craig 63.72, 2nd Anne Johns/Bunty Wiseman 57.52, 3rd John Pikoulis/Jane Greatrex 56.02.

Saturday, May 23, North/South: 1st Sue Knight/Brian Knight 54.76, 2nd Peter Millar/Trish Tracy 54.46, 3rd Kay Duer/Reg Dyer 53.87. East/West: 1st Mary Cartwright/Pat Verdon 58.02, 2nd Anne MacDougall/Sean MacDougall 57.14, 3rd Peter Blackwell/Mary Blackwell 52.68. EK

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# WORKING WITH THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO PREPARE FOR NEW POWERS FOR WALES

**O**VER the past two weeks, I have been engaging with the business community in the Vale of Glamorgan and at a wider level as Finance Minister in relation to new powers and responsibilities coming to Wales.

At a local level, I was delighted to support the spring market on Saturday, May 16 in High Street, Barry which was blessed with good weather and many visitors as well as regular High Street customers like myself.

This was supported by the Vale of Glamorgan Council and High Street businesses, many of whom took part in the event. The event was such a success that another market is being planned for August 22.

It was also great to attend the Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival on Sunday and Monday this week, and I was glad to welcome the grant of £5,000 awarded to the Festival by the

Welsh Government. As usual, I was filling my bags with the great produce on sale and on display from food and drink businesses in the Vale and further afield.

I would also like to pay tribute to Cowbridge resident, Christine Atkinson, who established the Vale Women's Business Network 12 years ago and has supported over 3,000 local women to set up in business.

She received the prestigious Queen's Award for Enterprise Promotion last year at Buckingham Palace.

I praised Christine Atkinson who is head of the women's entrepreneurship hub at the University of South Wales, at a conference last week, to review the achievements of the WAVE programme (Women Adding Value to the Economy).

As a result of the EU funded WAVE programme, more than 400 women in disadvantaged areas of Wales are looking forward to brighter career prospects following a three-year drive to boost women's involvement in

entrepreneurship and traditionally 'male' occupations.

WAVE has shown that women can have a bigger stake in the economy, and programmes of this kind can help tackle the persistent gender pay gap.

As Finance Minister, I have also had the opportunity to meet with the Institute of Directors to discuss the Welsh Government's plans for tax devolution. The devolution of tax powers, brought about by the Wales Act 2014, represents a step-change for devolved government in Wales.

It has come about as a result of the work of the Holtham and Silk Commission – both of which recommended that Wales should have more powers over taxation and be able to borrow to boost our infrastructure.

Three years from now, in April 2018, we will be introducing our own taxes to replace Stamp Duty Land Tax and Landfill Tax and I have been consulting widely with business who will be affected by these changes like landfill site operators, waste and

## ASSEMBLY NOTES



by  
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AM (Minister for Finance)

management businesses and house builders.

My Tax Advisory Group includes the business voice with the CBI, IOD and FSB involved – but also the voices of those who can make an important contribution with the Wales TUC, Welsh Local Government, and the Bevan Foundation also represented.

As the First Minister has said, the Welsh Government places enormous emphasis on working with the business community and with our social partners – that is the way we work best in Wales.



High Street spring market in Barry was a big success.

## Barry cycle route expands again

*THE Vale's cycle network is to be further extended, following approval of the latest phase of the Port Road Cycle Route which will connect the Barry Docks link road to Wenvoe.*

The £350,000 grant-aided scheme approved by the Welsh Government will help to link three Barry schools, Barry Comprehensive, Bro Morgannwg and Bryn Hafren, with

Gwenfio CIW Primary School.

It will also link to the new Redrow housing development on Port Road, Pugh's Garden Centre, and Wenvoe village.

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## Huw meets descendants of pioneer Welsh settlers

IT'S 150 years since the Welsh set sail across the Atlantic on board the *Mimosa*, in search of a new life in South America.

To mark the anniversary, Huw Edwards embarks on a 7,000-mile journey to Patagonia for the first time.

In the programme *Patagonia Huw Edwards* on S4C, Huw meets some of the descendants of the first settlers who were part of one of the greatest adventures in Welsh history.

The founding fathers dreamed of building a new Wales across the ocean as a safe haven for the Welsh language, but by the early years of the last century, there were more communities from other countries there and the Welsh were outnumbered.

Huw, who first heard about the history of Patagonia 40 years ago when at primary school in Llangennech said: "I've travelled the world in my capacity as a journalist and broadcaster, but this is the first time I've experienced the Welsh life in Chubut Province in southern Argentina." The programme on

Sunday evening, May 31 explores the prospects for the Welsh language in the colony and asks what the future holds for the culture the pioneers strived to protect? We see Huw Edwards playing a hymn on the organ – an instrument brought over to Patagonia in 1865 with the pioneers.

Dafydd Rhys, S4C director of content, said: "This authoritative documentary by Huw Edwards, one of the leading Welsh broadcasters of our generation, will be the best possible taster for the season that is scheduled to mark the 150th anniversary of the landing in July. We are delighted to be working closely with the BBC and many other organisations to make this national celebration truly memorable."

Celebrations will be held in Wales and Patagonia to mark the anniversary and in addition to *Patagonia Huw Edwards* on S4C, *Patagonia with Huw Edwards* will be broadcast on BBC1 Wales on Monday evening, June 1.



## VOTE FOR YOUR LOCAL LANDMARKS IN NATIONAL TRUST WALES COMPETITION!

RADIO DJ Huw Stephens, fashion designer David Emmanuel and broadcaster Roy Noble are those backing south Wales locations to win this year's Special Places competition, as battle commences across the nation.

Last year's competition saw Penarth Pier and Pavilion clinch the top spot, with over 2,000 votes cast throughout the campaign.

Now, National Trust Wales is calling for the people of south Wales to nominate their Special Places across Cardiff and the Vale – to be in with a chance of winning this year's competition.

In a change from last year, the Trust has introduced five specific voting categories influenced by the diverse range of special places found across Wales.

Each category is being championed by a celebrity ambassador who will be rallying the public to get behind their category.

The public are being urged to back their own Special Places within the five voting categories: Glorious Coast, Wild Open Spaces, Historic Buildings, Parks and Gardens and Quirky or Urban.

Iconic sites such as Barry Island, Dyffryn House and Gardens and Rest Bay could be in with a chance to win this year's competition.

Renowned designer David Emanuel is supporting Wales' coastline, championing Southendown beach, in a bid to win the top spot. On his special place within the Coast category, designer David Emanuel commented: "My special place in Wales is Southendown Beach. I call it 'My Beach'. It means so much to me because I go there to escape, blow away the cobwebs, and

breathe 'real' fresh Welsh air when walking across the beautiful bay."

Voting can be done online through National Trust Wales' website, Walesonline, Facebook, or by using the hashtag #specialplaces on Twitter or Instagram until July 14, after which a winner will be crowned in each category on July 20.

Voters can also cast their preferences by filling in forms at National Trust Wales sites including Dyffryn Gardens and Tredegar House and selected sites of partnering organisations including Castle Coch.

Once the five category winners have been announced on July 20, the five celebrities will then battle it out once again to see if their category winner can take the overall crown in a second round of public voting with the ultimate winner being announced on Friday, August 7.

The other celebrities are:

Matthew Rhys supporting Glorious Coast; TV presenter Matt Johnson, Parks and Gardens; Julien Macdonald, Wild Open Spaces; Sian Lloyd, Historic Buildings; and Colin Jackson, Quirky or Urban.

Tweet, Facebook or Instagram using #lleoddarbennig / #specialplaces @NTWales or vote on Walesonline here: <http://bit.ly/1E77Qlq> on Facebook here: <http://on.fb.me/1KJw6g>

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## Venture offers foodies a Welsh experience...



ABOVE: Sampling Welsh wine direct from the vineyard.

A NEW company, – 'Loving Welsh Food' (LWF) – was launched at Arboreal Restaurant in Cowbridge just before the town's food festival.

LWF director Sian B Roberts said the aim was to offer Welsh food and drink tours, safaris, and Welsh cooking workshops to groups visiting Cardiff and south Wales.

Two LWF tours are on offer at the moment: 'Welsh cakes and Wine' (half day), which can be combined with a morning visit to Cardiff, and the 'Welsh food and drink safari' (full day).

Sian said: "It was great to see so many

people at the event, all enjoying the delicious food and tasters, the fabulous Welsh wine, and the lovely, friendly atmosphere at Arboreal".

Sian received funding from Creative Rural Communities (CRC) to develop the Welsh Food and Drink Tours and Welsh Food Safaris.

ACRC spokesperson said: "We're delighted to see 'Loving Welsh Food' come to fruition and wish Sian every success. The Local Food Champion project at Creative Rural Communities supported the venture by funding a pilot tour last summer which led to the launch of LWF."

For more details, go to [www.lovingwelshfood.uk](http://www.lovingwelshfood.uk)



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# Minister officially opens historic Hensol Castle



PICTURED: (left to right) Stephen Leeke, managing director of the Vale Resort, Ken Skates, Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism, Gerald Leeke, chairman of Vale Resort and Leekes.

**THE Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism, Ken Skates, officially opened Hensol Castle last week (May 20), following a multi-million pound refurbishment programme to restore the historic castle to its former glory.**

Unveiling a commemorative plaque to mark the official opening of Hensol Castle, Mr Skates was given a tour of the 400-year-old Grade I listed building, which is reopening to the public as a conference and wedding venue after the completion of the first phase of its £10 million refurbishment.

In the grounds of the Vale Resort, Hensol Castle offers conference facilities in the new Courtyard Hall, capable

of hosting 320 delegates theatre-style and 200 delegates banquet-style.

There are five smaller meeting rooms in the castle itself, which can host between 10-100 delegates per room theatre-style. Phase two of the £10 million investment will include adding up to 30 bedrooms and a top-end restaurant and is expected to be open by late 2016.

The opening coincides with figures from the International Passenger Survey, undertaken by the Office for National Statistics, which shows that international visitors to Wales increased by more than seven per cent in 2014.

Mr Skates, said: "Hensol Castle gives the Vale Resort something very unique to offer their business and wedding clients. It is a high quality development which makes the most of the site's heritage and culture. I wish the team every success with this new development."

During his visit, the minister also saw the Welsh Rugby Union's on-site facilities at the Vale Resort, including its five rugby training pitches.

The Vale Resort is gearing up to host some of the world's most famous rugby teams this autumn, including Wales and France, plus a

quarter-final knock-out team which could be any combination of France, Ireland, New Zealand and Italy, as it has been selected as an official team base for the 2015 Rugby World Cup.

As part of its preparation, the Vale Resort has invested £1 million in upgrading its 143-bedrooms, taking the total investment at the resort within the last year to £11 million.

Stephen Leeke, managing director of the Vale Resort, said: "The redevelopment of the castle has been one of the most important investments the Vale Resort has made to further strengthen its facilities. The historic castle adds another string to our bow by providing an alternative option from our current contemporary offering at the Vale Resort."

"With the conference and event market an important revenue stream for the Vale Resort, currently representing 25 per cent of our business, we anticipate significant growth in this sector on the back of reopening such a unique facility in south Wales. Since announcing the new refurbishment, we've already had interest from world-recognised businesses such as British Gas, Princes Gate, the Royal Mint and a number of medical and

pharmaceutical companies."

Dating back to the 17th century, Hensol Castle is steeped in history.

Its previous owners include Samuel Richardson, who is credited with introducing the threshing machine to the world of agriculture and 'Big Ben', Sir Benjamin Hall, who was the overseer of works for the installation of the clock tower at the Houses of Parliament, which is apparently named after him. The estate was purchased by the Leekes family, who own the Vale Resort, in 2003.

Hensol Castle had been closed to the public for almost a decade until 2014, when it was opened for weddings for the first time. Until then, it had only been used as a stage set for the television series Doctor Who, Sherlock Holmes and Torchwood.

## PRE-SCHOOL PATH TO HEALTH



ABOVE: Rhianon Urquhart, principal health promotion specialist at Cardiff and Vale public health team, presenting a certificate to Jane Ward from West End Playgroup, Barry.

**OVER 70 childcare workers in the Vale recently celebrated their success in helping to keep children and their families healthy.**

The healthy and sustainable pre-school scheme aims to promote the health of pre-school age children, their parents and carers through physical activity and active play, mental and emotional health, and healthy environments.

## PROMISING STUDENTS RECEIVE HUMAN RESOURCES AWARDS



Vivienne Wong.

THE south-east Wales branch of the CIPD, the professional body for HR and people development, recognised the achievement of eight students from



Jordan Harris.

universities and colleges across south Wales, at its annual dinner recently.

The awards acknowledge the achievement of students who have been

nominated by their course tutors to receive 'Branch Student of the Year' awards. Undergraduate, postgraduate and those attending on day-release on the professional courses are all eligible. The prizes were

sponsored by Anna Denton-Jones of Refreshing Law Limited, who presented them along with Frank Douglas, a CIPD non-executive board member.

**The winners were:**  
• Lauren Evans and Abigail Powell from University of South Wales.

• Vivienne Wong, Bridgend College.  
• Jordan Harris from Bridgend, and Caroline Davies, from Cardiff and Vale College.  
• Lucy Aplin and Thomas Hewitt from Coleg Gwent.  
• Rachel Cook from Cardiff Business School.

At the branch annual meeting held ahead of the dinner and awards, Lesley Richards stepped down as chair of CIPD South East Wales. The new CIPD South East Wales chair is Nerissa Williams, who runs an independent HR consultancy in Bridgend.

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# TOMORROWLAND IS A PAEAN TO POSITIVITY AND POSSIBILITY...

**B**RAD BIRD started off his career working in animation, helming *The Iron Giant* and then working for Pixar, directing the incredible *The Incredibles* and *Ratatouille*, before

moving into live-action with *Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol*. Bird's latest film, *Tomorrowland*, stars Britt Robertson as Casey, who finds a mysterious pin badge that leads her to the home of reclusive inventor Frank (George Clooney). When Frank's

home is ambushed by mysterious forces, the pair embark on a trip to the titular land, where they must team up to rescue the world from those who seek to use it for nefarious means...

It's a rare sight to see that a summer blockbuster takes inspiration not from a comic book or a computer game, or be a continuation or a reboot of a franchise, but moves at its own steam with its own ideas and sensibilities.

It's seen, these days, as a mark of danger to so heavily invest in something that may possibly lack 'brand awareness', but *Tomorrowland* is a film that makes you grateful that somebody somewhere is still capable of taking a gamble, as it is a film that is wondrous, beguiling, surprising and ultimately uplifting.

That it's a Disney film, directed by a man who made his mark in the world of animation, it's unsurprising that *Tomorrowland* is shot through with a sense of genuine awe and shock; it has all the hallmarks of those vibrant, underrated Disney live-action films of the late 1960s and early 1970s, the likes of *The*

*Computer Wore Tennis Shoes* a stylistic influence.

You have the intelligent, yet marginalised teenager, capable of great things, if only the grown-ups would realise it, a story that unfolds at a breakneck pace, and, in the opening hour or so, rarely lets up for pace - its influences are clear to see, but it is shot through with 21st century concerns and touchstones.

It's clear that Bird and co-writer Damon Lindelof (he of, among other things, *Lost* fame) wanted to make something fresh, interesting and full of wonder, and they succeed in doing that superbly well. The film may be heavy with exposition, the first two-thirds of it layering it on with a trowel, but it rarely comes at the expense of the pace of the story.

The message of the film is also refreshing and uplifting - films that tend to push the message that nothing is lost, that things can be fixed, people redeemed, lives changed, often run the risk of being labelled idealistic and perhaps even simplistic, but here it's a virtue, giving the story a beautiful and

heartfelt tone - it's a paean to possibility and positivity, to looking forward rather than back, and believing you can make a difference.

Bird's direction is tremendous, the emotional intricacies of the story balancing wonderfully with the spectacle and visual invention on show.

Whether it's the Eiffel Tower turning into a rocket, or the titular world realised in glorious technicolour, it's both astounding to look at and stunningly composed. Bird's grounding in animation means that there is a greater level of inventiveness here than most films, and Bird takes full advantage, the film looking superb, and carrying its narrative weight exceptionally well.

The performances are all on the button, Britt Robertson essaying the plucky Disney teenager with the right degree of sass and wide-eyed wonder; George Clooney seems to be enjoying working with less weighty fare and grants the film gravitas, Raffey Cassidy as the mysterious Athena walks the fine precipice of being earnest without being too annoying, with only Hugh Laurie

striking a bit of a bum note as the man who lies behind *Tomorrowland's* curtain, though this is more due to the writing of the character than the actor himself.

It may skew a little older at times than it perhaps intends to, the concerns a little loftier when you dig beneath the surface, but the film's overarching intention - to inspire, to cultivate, to make you believe - comes through loud and clear; it may not be the summer's loudest effort, but *Tomorrowland* makes all the right noises - and

says all the right things.

**VERDICT** - A blockbuster that hits all the right notes, *Tomorrowland* is one of the most beguiling, interesting and well-intentioned films of recent times. Its core message of positivity and possibility is refreshing, and Brad Bird's excellent direction makes this a feast for the eyes as well as the mind. *Essential viewing.*

**SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED:** *Journey To The Centre Of The Earth* (2008), *Interstellar* (2014).

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## Vale libraries: opening times

**FROM June 1, the Vale's four main libraries will adopt new opening hours after a consultation with library users and residents found they wanted libraries to open six days a week.**

The changes apply to Barry, Cowbridge, Llantwit Major, and Penarth libraries, with all four remaining open until 7pm for one day a week. Barry library will open at 9.30am every day and

close at 7pm on Mondays, 5.30pm from Tuesday to Friday, and 4pm on Saturdays.

Cowbridge, Llantwit Major, and Penarth libraries will all open at 10am and close at 5pm on weekdays and at 4pm on Saturdays; 7pm openings will be on Wednesdays at Cowbridge, Tuesdays at Llantwit Major, and Thursdays at Penarth.

Opening hours at Dinas Powys, Rhosce, St. Athan, Sully and Wenvoe libraries remain the same for the present.

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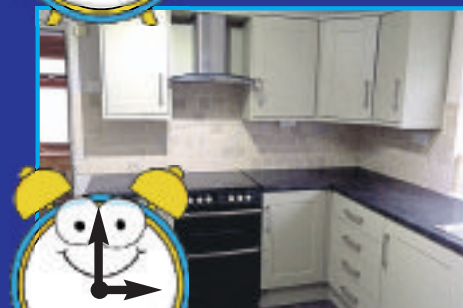
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# Vale Council faces legal fight over Rhoose library closure

**AN expensive legal fight could be on the cards, after campaigners wanting to keep Rhoose Library open in its present form, announced that they would be seeking a judicial review of the Vale Council's plan**

The Save Rhoose Library campaign group believes there are significant flaws in the way the Vale Council has conducted consultation over the

future of the library and has secured legal aid for a judicial review in the High Court.

Campaigners claim the consultation conducted as part of the council's library strategy review was flawed and alternative ways of achieving budget savings were not adequately considered.

Under the council's strategy review, councillors voted to close Rhoose library – unless volunteers come forward to run it as a community-funded service.

The Save Rhoose Library campaign group has now appointed a specialist in administrative and public law, Michael Imperato of Watkins & Gunn Solicitors.

Last year, Michael Imperato was successful in working with Rhydyfelin Library Support Group when Rhondda Cynon Taff Council made a u-turn and decided to reopen Rhydyfelin library.

He said: "Many people now believe that everyone has access to the internet for information so that libraries are no longer as important as they used to be."

"This couldn't be further from the truth. For some people, libraries are their only resource they have."

"Not many people realise that you can challenge a local authority or government's decision in courts through a judicial review case but they are an extremely important way of holding a public body to account."

"There have been many successful

challenges to library closures against councils across the UK and we hope to have a positive result with this case."

Adam Riley, one of the members of the Save Rhoose Library Campaign, said: "The council has systematically failed to professionally and effectively engage local people in the consultation."

"If these plans go ahead it will have a significant effect on people of all ages. Schoolchildren use it for research on projects, adults use the computer facilities to help with job searches and the elderly people say that the library is a vital way of keeping connected to the village."

"The council's disregard for the opinions of local people is shameful. We feel we have no choice but to challenge the council in the courts."

However, Jennifer Hill, the Vale Council's director of learning and skills, insisted: "The Council conducted a fully open and accessible consultation on our library strategy."

"We took great care to follow all relevant guidelines and can assure all that took part that their responses were fully considered before any decision was taken."

"We do not accept the claims made by the action group and fully intend to defend our position in the event of any legal action."

## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Porthcawl Harbourside CIC, which is developing Porthcawl Maritime Centre on the Cozy Corner site, has launched the first of its Coastal Science and Discovery Outreach events and is looking for volunteers.

The activities will be held on beaches in Porthcawl during the coming summer months, and will include Porthcawl Porpoise Project. Beginning in June, it will track porpoise breeding progress in local waters.

There will also be a school beach activity and poster competition and Rockpool Rambles will be led by group leaders on a "voyage of beachside discovery" across the teeming rock pools. Contact Claire@porthcawl-harbourside.co.uk or by calling 01656 774341.

## Special needs teachers gather



Staff and teachers from Ysgol Y Deri, with the Mayor and teachers from other specialist schools.

**THE Vale of Glamorgan Mayor, Coun Fred Johnson, recently welcomed teachers from Germany, Belgium, Poland and Holland, together with staff from Ysgol y Deri in Penarth to Barry Town Hall.**

The visit celebrated the end of a two-year project, which looked at opportunities for pupils with special needs once they leave school. The project has been a huge success, encouraging both

pupil and teaching exchanges.

The visiting teachers commented widely on the strengths of Ysgol y Deri, the structured yet stimulating environment, and the way that the school curriculum has been developed to enable students to leave with the appropriate skills, knowledge and experience which will help them to lead full and independent lives.

The Mayor said he was delighted to present the European

teachers with commemorative books: "It has been a pleasure to learn more about specialist teaching in Europe, and how the outstanding commitment of the staff at Ysgol y Deri has contributed to make it one of the flagship schools offering dedicated provision for autism spectrum disorder in the UK."

"I would like to wish everyone involved continued success," he added.

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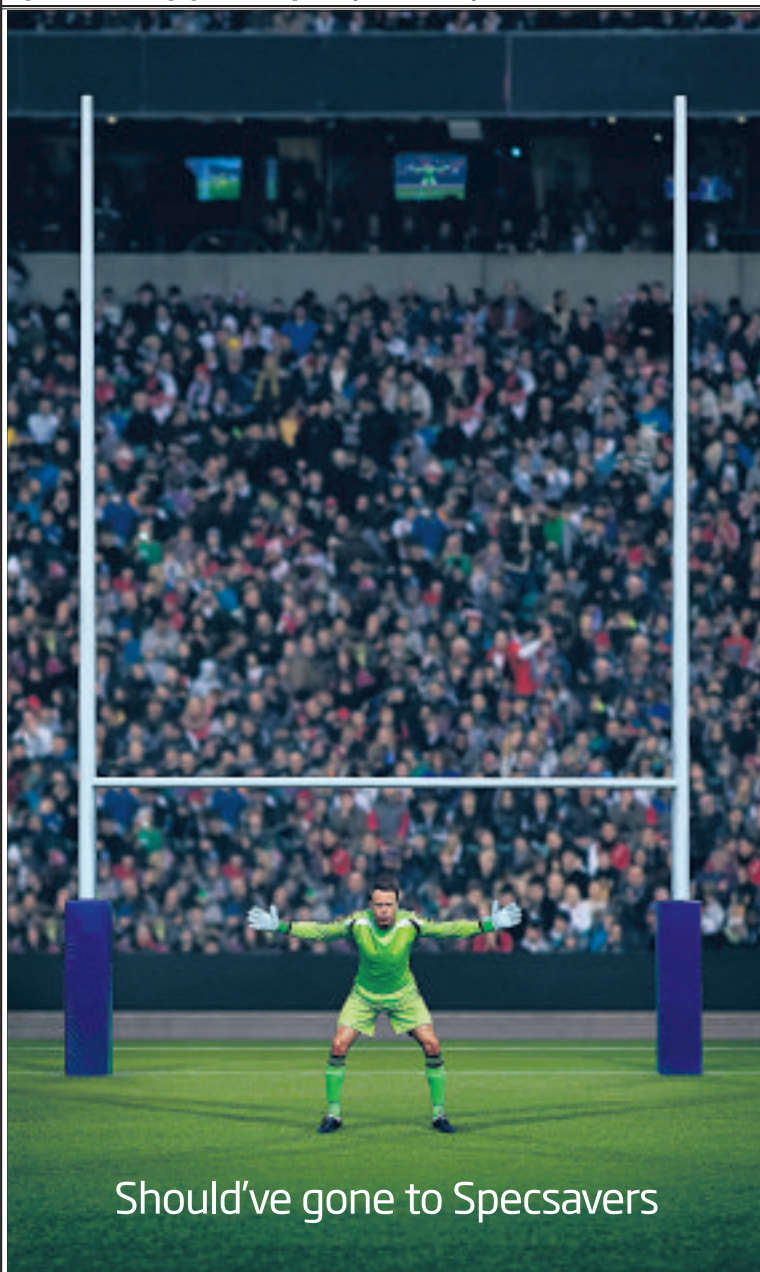


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**NEW PLAY IS SET FOR COWBRIDGE**

It is appropriate that a play entitled *Bara Bread* should come to Cowbridge the week after the food festival.

The play, performed by Theatre Gwalia and written by local playwright Carmen Medway-Stevens, is at the Market Theatre on May 29, 7.30pm.

The play opened with a four-night run at the Chapter Arts Centre, Cardiff, and has been on tour around south Wales.

Carmen told The GEM that it was written with community spirit in mind. "We have an amazing cast, Louise Collins, Saran Morgan, Michelle McTernan, Olwen Rees and Saran Hopkin and a special guest appearance from Sharon Morgan.

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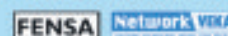
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# 'The Council is making the difference!'

**L**AST month, I intended to write this column but because of the impending general election, I was not able to do so. However, I thought it was worth resurrecting it this month, as there are still some pertinent issues raised within it.

This may seem a little futile, as there was a result that obviously was not the one I would have wanted, but democracy prevailed and I have no issue with that.

To the victors go the spoils, but I am sure that outcome will not be good for the vast majority of the citizens in the Vale of Glamorgan, or the country as a whole.

I was going to urge everyone to look at all the manifesto commitments, compare them and consider the impact they would have, not only on you but the wider community. I would also have asked you to consider whether the claims being made by candidates were accurate and that they have actually achieved what they say they have.

Having seen some of the achievements claimed by one candidate in particular, I was angered, because those achievements have actually been made by this Vale Labour-led council and not that individual, who is still making claims that I do not believe he can achieve.

Regrettably and belatedly, I want to put the record straight and outline the promises we, as a Labour-led Vale council, have already fulfilled by meeting the vast majority of our manifesto promises – even though we have two more years left in our term of office.

I sincerely believe that Labour is making a difference across the Vale of Glamorgan, despite the claims to the contrary from our political opponents.

We have listened to you and kept our promises, albeit we have inherited the worst financial scenario I have experienced in my years as a councillor and politician.

I admit it has been challenging and it has meant taking difficult decisions in many areas – and those decisions are getting harder.

One example is setting the 3.9 per cent rise in council tax for 2015/16, but actually the increase for the Vale is one of the lowest of the 22 Welsh councils and it is still below the average council

tax in Wales, let alone England.

This year, we had a cut in our funding from the Government of £5.5million, as a result of the cut in public spending. If that cut was collected through council tax, it would equate to a 14 per cent increase.

Such a rise would not be acceptable, or reasonable and, therefore, in order to balance the books, we will use £2.5 million of general reserves this year, make internal savings of £6.8 million, while being mindful there will be further savings of £24.7 million required over the next three years.

Despite the difficulties, we are keeping to the vast majority of our election pledges in working to achieve them all within the cycle of this council.

We have done this by cutting the cabinet from 10 members to six, making huge savings year on year, along with holding community cabinet meetings in the evening; ensured members of the public can give evidence to the planning and scrutiny committee; prioritised where regeneration money is spent; kept school crossing patrols where they are needed; reinstated the mobile library with the help of Barry Town Council; placed traffic lights and road safety measures on the Docks Link Road; reintroduced traffic wardens and invested in resurfacing and pot hole filling of our roads.

We have invested in our young people and established a youth mayor and youth cabinet; brought council spending under control, despite austerity; ensured the Penarth Pier project was delivered; helped redevelop the Pump House for leisure and business use; are working with Barry Town Council to enhance Cemetery Approach; looking for partners in bringing St Paul's Church in Penarth back into use; ensured the Penarth Learning Community was built and planned a new learning community in Llantwit Major; as well as looking at co-education as a way forward in Barry.

We have also brought award-winning events to the area, promoted our amazing tourism attractions and the outstanding natural beauty that the Vale has to offer.

I believe that the Labour-led Vale Council is already making a difference, working to reverse the neglect and under-investment of previous Conservative administrations and the savage cuts from the previous Conservative-led coalition in Westminster, with more to come.

We support local people, including our young

## VIEW FROM THE VALE



by Coun  
**NEIL  
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Leader of the  
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people. The Vale is one of the four top education authorities in Wales for 11-14 year olds.

We have worked with partners to give greater support and independence for older residents in the new 'Extra Care' accommodation.

We have more than halved the waiting time for disabled facility grants and 97 per cent of people felt more independent and safe in their homes as a result.

We have supported services in rural communities such as shops, businesses, meeting spaces and community food growing projects. Older people are now able to live independently in their own homes through the use of our technology and reablement support.

We have saved £400k on the use of temporary accommodation for homeless people – reduced with no-one in bed and breakfast accommodation, and we have halved the time taken to re-let council homes by bringing empty houses back into use.

Coupled with that, we have supported people into work. We have doubled council apprenticeships with council contracts having to include requirements for apprenticeships and local labour. Over 600 people found jobs through council work programme or Communities First support and there have been 14 new and 76 existing rural business supported by the council's rural regeneration team.

We now also have over 20 young Vale entrepreneurs who have set up new businesses as a result of the Inspiring the Vale Bursaries awards.

As can be seen, we have continued investment in

our communities. We have continued regeneration in Barry, and the Eastern Promenade on Barry Island. We helped secure the Fun Fair returning (yes it was us that did it!) and brought the historic Waterfront Pumpouse back into use.

We are working to deliver the second road to Barry Island years ahead of schedule to address the traffic problems. We have upgraded Penarth Esplanade, the Pier and Cliff Top car park and resurfaced roads.

It is, therefore, pleasing to note that visitors to the Vale increased by 16 per cent to 3.7 million, including 100,000 to council events.

We have delivered active travel schemes across the Vale and given support for town centres, including markets in Barry, Llantwit Major and Penarth town centres.

We are improving 1200 properties in the Castleland renewal area and 70 per cent of council homes have been improved to Welsh Housing Quality Standard so far – and we are ahead of target on that, too.

We are developing a pilot 20mph zone in Llandough and upgrading many parks across the Vale and investing in the Heritage Coast at Southerndown.

We have and are making a significant investment in education in Cowbridge, the Penarth Learning Community and buildings planned for Llantwit Major and the possibility of co-education in Barry, dependent on the consultation response.

We have also looked for greater efficiencies and saved on office and building costs and shared use with others. We have made savings by working with other councils, and reduced senior management and department structures, saving at least £400k each year and reduced cabinet positions from 10 to six and beat Welsh Government recycling targets having the third lowest cost in Wales, saving £150k on waste collection.

We have filled an extra 2,400 potholes last year and saved £226k each year through efficient lighting and heating, as well as reducing fuel costs for Vale residents through the Cyd Cymru energy scheme.

*All in all, I believe that we have achieved remarkable success and, despite the recent election results, we will continue our work and keep our promises.*

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# COWBRIDGE MOVES UP FOOD FESTIVAL LEAGUE – AFTER A GREAT WEEKEND!

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## REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

ONE thing was quite clear when The GEM toured the Cowbridge Festival of Food and Drink on the second day (Bank Holiday Monday) at 2pm – traders in the marquee were delighted.

Some admitted that the change in date from October to May had been a concern, but everyone that I spoke to was claiming that sales were the best ever – and the empty shelves on several stands backed this up.

First time exhibitors said that the response from customers had exceeded expectations, and those returning to the town said that the festival had taken a major step forward.

Ruth Harding of the Yellow House Kitchen, who had made the trip from Ystradgynbach, was quite clear about where Cowbridge now stands in the festival circuit.

She said: "It is right up there with Abergavenny now, and I think the atmosphere is better."

She said that the high proportion of volunteers who helped with the setting up and running of the event made it a friendly and warm place to come.

She said: "The members of the local ATC, in particular, have been a huge help. They really have been fantastic."

Mervyn Watlin of the Wessex Pantry, from north Devon is a regular at the festival and he said: "It's amazing, it is 3.15pm and there are 12 stall holders who have sold all their stock."

I'm not sure if he was counting himself in that, but he was down to his last five steak pies!

He continued: "The move from October to March has made a huge difference, and I think the organisation here is superb." He too was full of praise for the ATC cadets.

Another regular visitor to the festival who had been concerned about the change of date was Clive Owen from the Pudding Shop, who had travelled from Upton-upon-Severn. He had thought that the October date helped with the sale of their rich puddings, with people stocking up for Christmas.

Those worries were misplaced. He pointed to a number of sold out lines and said: "Sales have been as good as ever, and this really is a great show to come to."

Another trader sitting cheerfully alongside empty shelves was Steve Bridges, of Elmtree Foods of Newport, at the show for the third time, and wishing he had brought more of their range of pies.

He said: "It really has been a cracking event. We were very happy to be at the Cowbridge food festival, but it has moved up to another level. We will be back next year – with more pies!"

So, the festival regulars were all over the moon with how things went, but how about the first timers?



It was good to see that some local businesses were raising their profile by taking a stall at the festival. One such was Mel Constantinou of Baked by Mel, who travelled all the way from Llantwit Major.

Mel sells Bara Brith online, and attracted attention a while back when Fortnum and Mason decided to sell it in their famous London store.

Last year, she came along to the festival fringe event but this year she took a deep breath, baked non-stop for the week before, and took a stall in the main festival marquee.

The GEM can report that this reporter bought her last piece of bara brith (although she did have some rocky road chocolate brownies left!)

She said: "It has been fantastic. I really didn't expect to sell so much, so I am absolutely delighted."

Another Llantwit Major business making its debut was the Tomos and Lilford Brewery. Rob Lilford told The GEM: "We came along to the fringe last year, and this time we thought we would try the main marquee."

He said that sales on both days had been excellent. They had sold their beer in bottles, and also by the pint, and ran out of draft beer on the Sunday.

On the Monday, the draft was still going strong when The GEM talked to them but, by a weird coincidence, it was this reporter who bought their last box of bottled beer!

Away from the festival marquee, the town was buzzing just about everywhere. A busy craft tent was in Church Street, while at Strawberry Fields, a co-op of crafters from Ormore-by-Sea, Crafts by the Sea, had put up a tent and were doing brisk business.

Fran Davies told The GEM: "It has been well worth coming. We have seen so many new people and the feedback has been great."

Local shops had opened – more on the Monday than the Sunday – and were reporting increased footfall.

Karen Lovell, the manager of the Dogs trust shop, said: "It's lovely to see so many people around, and it was good to see so many popping in."

The Emmaus shop also felt that the decision to open had been well worth it. Joint manager Teresa said: "This is the first food festival since we opened, and we have been really busy all day."

Elsewhere, local businesses were serving snacks on the street, while in the Bear Hotel, there were two marquees, one in the hotel courtyard offering live music, while just behind, the champagne marquee – also with entertainment – was doing great business all day.





# Traders are happy as gourmet delights sell out during two-day festival feeding frenzy

Photographs by  
**MIKE WILCOCK**

THERE were smiling faces everywhere on Sunday and Monday (May 24/25) at the Cowbridge Festival of Food and Drink.

There were smiles from visitors, smiles from the organisers, and big smiles from the traders!

After all, the market traders needed to sell enough produce to justify coming back next year – and they certainly did!

Festival manager Polly Wilson told The GEM: "One trader, supplying game and other meat products, sold out on the first day.

"He said it had never happened before at any food festival, and it was unfortunate that he lived too far away to get fresh supplies.

"He'll be back next year, though!"



*'Put another prawn on the barbie, mate!'*



*ABOVE: Indian delicacies were on offer at the Shaman.*



*The packed market hall.*



*First Responders had been raising cash to place defibrillators in the town.*



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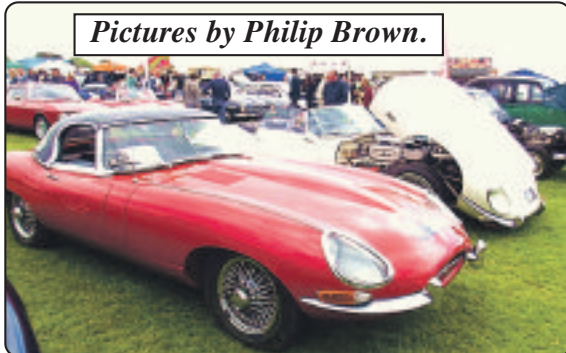
THESE pictures were taken at the Vale of Glamorgan Classic Car Show, organised by Dinas Powys Rotary Club and held at the Sully Sports and Social Club on Bank Holiday Monday.

The weather stayed dry and a large number of people came to see all types of cars, motorbikes and scooters, along with vintage cars and high performance and sports cars.

It was the ideal venue, with views overlooking the Bristol Channel.



*Pictures by Philip Brown.*



## West End triumph over Ebbw Vale CC

**BARRY** West End travelled to Ebbw Vale on Sunday, with gloomy conditions overhead; West End skipper Henry Dawson won the toss and elected to bowl first.

The West End opened up the bowling with Tom Miller and Dafydd Frost; Ebbw Vale's opening batsman were N Pepper jnr and T Roberts.

Both Miller and Frost bowled well, with the former unlucky not to pick up a wicket early on.

It was Frost who found the first breakthrough, a ball hitting the top of off to dismiss Pepper jnr for seven.

M Brooks strode in at number three for Ebbw Vale, immediately attacking both bowlers.

With a lack of communication apparent in the early stages of Ebbw Vale's innings, Brooks was run out by Rhys Hatton for five.

Ebbw Vale were 34-2 after 10 overs. M Morgan was number four for Ebbw Vale. Rhys Hatton replaced Dafydd Frost at the Rugby ground end.

Ebbw Vale picked up the run rate slightly after some poor bowling from Hatton. Neil Holmes replaced Tom Miller at the Pavilion end.

Morgan was dismissed by Holmes, after Steve Oram took a great catch over his

shoulder at mid-wicket. Morgan departed for seven and J Powell arrived as number five for Ebbw Vale.

Richard Eastman replaced Hatton at the Rugby ground end and picked up the next wicket when he bowled Powell for two.

S Jones was Roberts' next partner, Roberts reaching his 50 shortly after. However, Eastman picked up a second wicket when he dismissed Roberts for 50, lbw. Ebbw Vale reached 76-5 after 24 overs.

Nye Lane replaced Holmes at the Pavilion End, while Glan Williams replaced Eastman at the Rugby ground end.

Lane picked up the first first wicket when S Jones was caught at mid-wicket by Steve Oram; Jones departed for 10.

Both Lane and Williams bowled well to restrict the scoring of the batsman; C Jones and N Pepper snr were now at the crease for Ebbw Vale.

Lane had Jones caught behind by Henry Dawson for 11. Tommy Miller caught Pepper at mid on to give Lane his third wicket of the match.

R Hares batted at number 10 for Ebbw Vale and was bowled second ball by Lane.

Lane achieved a five wicket haul when Neil Holmes held on to a catch at extra cover to dismiss L King for 5.

J White remained not out on 4 and Ebbw Vale finished 127 all out after 39.1 overs.

After a superb tea and a great improvement in conditions, the West End opened up their innings with Henry Dawson and Rhys Howell.

After being dropped on nought, Dawson freed his arms and accumulated runs quickly.

Neither batsman was troubled by the Ebbw Vale bowlers of Powell and Pepper snr, and The West End reached 50-0 after 11 overs.

Dawson retired not out soon after, finishing on 51. Steve Oram joined the watchful Howell. R Hares and J White were the next pair to bowl for Ebbw Vale, and White bowled particularly well, keeping both Howell and Oram in check.

At the drinks interval, Howell retired not out on 18. M Williams joined Oram at the crease.

The pace of scoring decreased to a steady rate with both batsmen picking off singles.

T Roberts found the only breakthrough for Ebbw Vale when M Williams was bowled for 19 and Pat Cowley joined Oram as number five.

The West End reached the target of 128 for the loss of one wicket. Oram finishing 32 not out and Cowley 0 not out.

RH

## Remembering heroine of two world wars

**PRIOR** to this year's World War One (Gallipoli) and last week's World War Two (Dunkirk) commemorations, the artifacts from Barry's own paddle steamer were returned to her home town in time for both remembrances and tributes.

The paddle steamer Barry was a heroine in both wars and indeed served her country well when needed. She saved many lives in both conflicts and is dearly remembered for her pleasure cruising in peacetime, as well as her

wartime duties for a nation.

Items including the ship's helm and wheel, are displayed at the entrance to the Vale mayor's parlour at the town hall, Kings Square. Barry. A little ship at Dunkirk and a heroine of Gallipoli.

This year we remembered both Gallipoli and Dunkirk and should also remember our own paddle steamer Barry.

Another local Dunkirk-related vessel was the *Silver Queen*, a former Whitmore Bay/Barry Island day tripper. Small and flat-bottomed, she ferried retreating troops to the likes of our Barry.





# Centurions suffer defeats against their local rivals

**SULLY**  
Centurions travelled the short distance to Barry Island to play local rivals Barry Athletic and came away empty handed, in spite of Shae Ellis' 86 not out.

Put into bat by the hosts, Centurions lost two wickets for 19 before Ellis and Santosh Singh (23) shared a half-century third wicket partnership.

Then wickets began to fall with regularity – 74 for 3 became 111 for 6 as the Barry bowlers strengthened their grip on the game.

Shae Ellis shared a partnership of 26 with Nick Jones (11) and Christian Bruce (5) but the innings came to a halt with the score on 174 in the 44th over.

The wickets were evenly spread out among the home bowlers.

The home response was remarkable. Steve

Provis (94) and Nathan Baker (79) didn't hang about as they dispatched the Sully attack to all parts of the ground.

Both remained unbeaten and the target was reached with plenty of overs to spare. Bragging rights go to Barry, with Shae Ellis' batting being the only positive note for Centurions.

Barry Athletic 175/0, Sully Centurions 174 all out  
**In the reverse fixture at Sully, the seconds were on the end of a real drubbing, after Barry had accumulated a massive score in the sunshine.**

Batting first, the visitors' opening pair of Hugh Smith and Paul Murphy racked up a century partnership before Smith (61) was out lbw to Mick Fisher.

However, this only brought skipper Ashley Baker to the crease and he joined in the fun by hitting a very good 79 when he was bowled by Ricky Griffith with

the score on 295.

Meanwhile Murphy continued to find the boundary as he got closer to his 100. He was joined by Lee Morgan, who also reached a half century as the runs kept piling up.

Murphy was eventually out for 118 when he skied a delivery from Josh Bryan and was caught by Peter Thomas. Craig Brock became the fourth man out when he was caught behind by Lewis Pyke for 14, to give Griffith his second wicket.

But that was the last breakthrough for Centurions, as Morgan (64 not out) and Dawson (14 not out) put on another 60 runs for the fifth wicket - the innings closed on a colossal 364-4.

Centurions reply got off to a spirited start with Peter Thomas and Ricky Griffith riding their luck to take the score to 38, when Griffith was bowled by Mitchell Taylor-Moore for 19.

Thomas was eventually out for 34, caught off the bowling of Billy Usswald, with the score on 76; but the only other batsman to reach double figures was Lewis Pyke (15).

The story of the innings, however was the bowling of Usswald, who posted the incredible figures of 6 for 6 off 8 overs, including four maidens, as Centurions were all out for 106 in the 29th over.

Sully Centurions II 106 all out, Barry Athletic II 364-4

## WEEKEND TEAMS

Saturday: Ist XI (home v Newport Fugitives) meet at ground at 11.45am - L Bruce, Q Ferdouz, S Singh, B Spear, S Shokeen, A Kulkarni, S Ellis, N Jones, T Davies, C Bruce, N Cuddihy, O Sullivan.

2nd XI (away v Newport Fugitives II) meet at Sully Inn Car Park at 11.15am - (from) DW Sylvester, P Thomas, I Thomas, L Pyke, B Callow, G Hicks, A Emir, F Fiddler, M Burnett, L Burnett, J Wooden, J Bryan, S Morse, P Harrison, H Miller, R Bennett, E Davies.

Sunday: Friendly (TBC) - S Ellis, O Sullivan, E Davies, L Bruce, T Davies, M Fisher, B Callow, S Singh, Q Ferdouz, DW Sylvester, S Shokeen, M Hayes, A Kulkarni.

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# LLANTWIT MAJOR BOWLS CLUB NEWS

**ON Thursday the A team had a break from the Triples League and welcomed a team from the Cardiff Masonic for a friendly.**

It was a four rink match comprising of the normal four men per side per rink. The Cardiff Masonic play around nine fixtures a season, and are made up of players from various clubs.

Once again, the game was played in good spirit, with some audible excitement from Charles Hiscocks' rink on the later ends. Although the team lost overall by a couple of shots there

were some commendable performances on each rink.

On Saturday, we welcomed the eventual South Vale league winners Romilly A to our bowls green. Praise must be given to Arthur Hayes and his team who always provide us with a green that must be the envy of many clubs, not only providing us with a quality surface to play on but ensuring that all our playing equipment and scoreboards were put out ready for the game.

Romilly are an experienced team, and despite being used to a slow green at Romilly managed to get to grips

with our green quite quickly.

All rinks tried hard to get good scores on the boards, but Romilly were a stronger unit overall. Congratulations to Graham Merchant and his rink for Llantwit's only rink win.

Overall, Romilly took away 12 points and Llantwit Major A two. I must personally commend Andy Vincent on my rink for his consistently good bowling as lead.

**NICK PARRY**  
Llantwit Major lady bowlers visited Cowbridge Bowling Club on Tuesday to play a round of the Cowbridge Shield.

We were welcomed

by a heavy shower, but the ladies' welcome was a bit warmer. Due to the unsettled weather, it was decided to play 15 ends.

We did not escape a couple of showers during the game but the friendly banter kept us warm. We were lucky to win on one rink but lost on the other two.

The winning rink were E Crouch, M Andrews, E Gray, V Ball (11-15); the other rinks were E Hardy, P Brown, J Molloy, D Hurley (12-8); M Horgan, J Fox, C Willmot Pike - all the ladies adjusted well on the new carpet green.

On Thursday we visited Millwood in sunshine, no raincoats needed to play our first league game as last Thursday's game had to be cancelled because of rain.

The green proved quite a challenge with two rinks dropping a five in the early stages, but Marian recovered to lose by two points (M Horgan, P Pike, J Molloy, M Lewis 12-14).

Unfortunately, Carol did not recover so well losing by eight points (E Crouch, M Andrews, E Nichol, C Willmot 10-18).

The winning rink scored a five on the 17th end, ensuring us one winning rink of E Hardy, P Brown, V Ball, Etta Gray (17-15) - well done ladies and thank you Millwood for a lovely tea.

CAROL WILLMOT

## Cup loss for Millwood

**TRAVELLING to Penarth to play Belle Vue, Millwood suffered the first defeat in this year's Munro Cup, by a margin of 26 shots.**

Millwood were chasing a deficit score even after the very first end at 1-4 down. Having played the fifth end Millwood were behind even further, 11-19.

That eight shot gap never closed, for at the ninth end the score was 27-35 in Belle Vue's favour. Having played the 14th end Millwood lagged even further behind with the score standing at 36-52, and after the 18th, and final, end was played, the Penarth side had opened up a 28 shot winning margin.

The points score worked out to 12-2 for Belle Vue.

**On Saturday Millwood welcomed Llantwit Major to their green for a friendly before the league starts in**

earnest for all teams.

Having played the first five ends, Millwood found themselves just a couple of shots in the lead at 18-16, but after the 10th end the lead had switched to Llantwit who were then leading by six shots at 32-38.

The deficit was reduced to one shot by Millwood after the 15th end to trail by 57-58, but with the final end played Llantwit Major secured the victory with the eight shot win margin over Millwood.

Thanks go to Llantwit Major for the enjoyable spirit in which the game was played, for now is the time that both teams need to prepare for the 14 match season ahead of them.

The club side are home to Murch this Saturday (League 4), while the 'A' side are away to Murch (League 7) - good luck to both Millwood sides.

JH

## BARRY & DISTRICT LEAGUES & RESULTS

### CRIB DIVISION 1:

League table:  
Liberals 227, Wyndham Cons 221, Cadoxton Cons 218, Moors Boys 210, West End Wanderers 209, Rhose Social 207, West End 206, Railway 182.

### SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

Allsorts 5, Slammers 2; Rhose Social A 6, Liberals A 1; Cambrian Flyers 3.5, Barries Boys 3.5; Runway Club 2, Sea View B 5; Liberals C 6, King William XII 1; Rhoaders 1, Rhose Social C 6; Rhose Social B 5, West End D 2; West End C 5.5, Rugby Club 1.5.

League table: West End C 151, Sea View B Allsorts 138, West End D 116, Slammers 115, Rugby Club 110, King William XII 108.5, Rhose Social B 106, Barries Boys 101.5, Rhose Social A 100, Rhose Social C 95.5, Rhoaders 95.5, Liberals A 78.5, Liberals C 77.5, Cambrian Flyers 76.5, Runway Club 66.5.

### SNOOKER DIVISION 1:

Wyndham Cons A 3, Savoy B 2; Harbour B 5; Rhose Social C 0; Cadoxton Cons B 2, West End C 3; Harbour A 0, Savoy A 5; Cadoxton Cons Z 2, Penarth Cons B 3;

Rhose Social B 3, Wyndham Cons C 2.

League table:  
Harbour B 123, Savoy A 123, Cadoxton Cons B 95, West End C 93, Cadoxton Cons Z 82, Wyndham Cons A 71, Rhose Social A 71, Rhose Social C 66, Harbour A 65, Penarth Cons B 64, Savoy B 57, Wyndham Cons C 53.

### SNOOKER DIVISION 2:

Railway A 3, Liberators 2; Market Street C 1, Market Street B 4; Penarth Cons A 2, Penarth Cons D 3; West End B 4, Sully Sports A 1; Railway B 3, Services Social B 2.

League table:  
Railway A 113, Market Street C 93, Penarth Cons D 88, Market Street B 85, Railway B 84, Liberators 82, Services Social B 81, Cadoxton Cons A 73, Penarth Cons A 70, Sully Sports A 67, West End B 58, \*Railway C 56 (\* = Points deducted).

All league & cup fixtures and results at [www.barryleagues.co.uk](http://www.barryleagues.co.uk) and Facebook - search for 'barry leagues'.

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# The Killers slay the opposition in Boccia league!



## Brian Lee's Point-To-Point Blast from the Past – 1988

**O**VER the past 49 years, my point-to-point stories and racing reports have appeared in many newspapers and magazines and these include the sadly long gone *The Sporting Life*, *Racing Post*, *Western Mail*, *Horse & Hound*, *Western Telegraph*, *Brecon & Radnor Express*, *Hereford Times*, *South Wales Echo*, *Daily Telegraph*, *Sunday Telegraph*, *Sunday Express*, *South Wales Argus*, *Tenby Observer*, *Wales On Sunday* and, of course, the *Glamorgan GEM* series of local papers.

There are others but they are lost in the mist of time. I regret now that I dumped all my *Sporting Life* press clippings and gave away all my form books, hunter chasers and point-to-pointer annuals when I moved house.

Before we take a look at the 1988 season, here is a report of mine which appeared in the *Racing Post* on November 2, 1987, under the heading 'Girl Ends 25-Year Wait': 'Chepstow farmer Trevor Price, who has been training for 25 years, landed his first winner under rules when 25-1 chance *CBM Girl* landed the seller at Worcester on Saturday. Price, who came out of hospital just the day before, was too ill to go to the races. But he didn't miss out as friends carried him to a local betting shop where he listened to the race commentary.

"I told everyone I fancied her, and a terrific cheer went up as she passed the winning post" said Price. Standing in for the trainer at Worcester was his son Brian, 34, a former leading point-to-point rider. *CBM Girl*, who cost Price £850, runs at Chepstow on Saturday."

Writing under the nom de plume Pointsman for a local evening paper, I wrote: "Castleton farrier Tim Rooney scored his ninth win under rules when riding an exciting finish on Bill Evans's *Final Presence* at Hereford. Despite making a mistake at the last fence, Rooney got his mount going again to collar the Fred Winter-trained *Dumper* halfway up the run-in and going on to score by a length."

That man Cowbridge farmer John Llewellyn, who tells me he has been "getting some stick" since these 'Blasts From The Past' pieces have been appearing, was soon in the news in 1988 and on March 3, 1988, I wrote: "Welsh champion point-to-point rider John Llewellyn, of Cowbridge, landed a brilliant double at the North Hereford Hunt Steeplechases. He scored an impressive win on Alan Hollingsworth's *Karamsu*, a chance ride, in a division of the adjacent and later won a division of the maiden on Grenville Richards' *Stand Firm*.

"*Stand Firm*'s convincing win was little consolation for his owner who early in the day had his *Bold Roderick* put down after a crashing fall in the men's open.

"*Bold Roderick*, with Llewellyn aboard, had led his 19 rivals a merry dance until falling three fences from the finish."

I remember being at Hereford Racecourse the day *Bold Roderick* gave Grenville Richards his first win under Rules as a permit holder. If my memory

serves me right, it was the last race of the day and *Bold Roderick* was a 50-1 outsider.

Let me tell you one funny story concerning the late Grenville Richards.

After his *Fixed Price* had won a division of the men's open race at the Brecon Hunt that year – a tremendous feat and I don't know of any other to have equalled winning the same event at a point-to-point five years on the trot – I said to *Fixed Price*'s rider John Llewellyn, who was on his way back to the unsaddling enclosure: "Well done, John – that's four in a row, isn't it?"

He replied: "Five, you silly ....!" I didn't think anything of it; after all, I have been called a lot worse than that over the years! Anyway, that evening I received a telephone call from John, who told me that Mr Richards, who had overheard his remark, had told him that unless he phoned Mr Lee to apologise, he would never ride another horse of his ever again!

And, under the heading 'Champ Rumps It On *Stand Firm*', I reported: 'Grenville Richards' eight-year-old bay gelding, *Stand Firm*, gave Welsh champion point-to-point rider John Llewellyn his eighth winner of the season at the rain-soaked Golden Valley Hunt Steeplechases. *Stand Firm*, who is unbeaten in three races this season, won easing up from *April Gem*, with *Grundy Glow* a further six lengths away in third place."

One person impressed with *Stand Firm*'s performance was Richard Lee, who told me he thought *Stand Firm* was the best point-to-pointer he had seen that season. Since then, Richard has gone on to train two Coral Welsh Grand National winners.

'Jones Family at Double' was the heading above another report in which I wrote: 'Tim Jones, aged 22 and his 18-year-old sister Pip, both landed doubles at two different point-to-points on Saturday.

'Tim was in action at the Curre at Howick where he won on *Lislary Lad* and *Bradfield Prince* while Pip notched up a double on *Norton's Coin* and *Japling* at the Vale of Clettr at Pencader."

"It was at the Brecon meeting that I reported that Newport docker Richard Williams, who has been riding in point-to-points for 15 years, came in for some of the biggest cheers of the day. Williams won the second division of the maiden on Cyril Morgan's seven-year-old chestnut mare *Golden Bond*. Williams did well to win on the mare, as she had fallen in her three previous races."

While my report on the Glamorgan read: 'Dennis Reed's 13-year-old *Norman Case* made every yard of the running to win the men's open at the Glamorgan Hunt Point-To-Point at St Hilary. *Norman Case*, who has been plagued by leg injuries throughout his racing career, was ridden by Tenby farmer Philip Mathias, who was notching up his first win over the St Hilary course."

"Despite jumping carelessly throughout the race, *Norman Case* had eight lengths to spare over *Lost Albert* at the finish. Company secretary Beth Llewellyn also adopted pillar to post tactics when landing the ladies' open race on her father's promising six-year-old *David Charles*."

I went on: 'In the first division of the maiden, 27-year-old Rhiannon Lougher from Cowbridge conjured up a late dash on *Humberstone Bay* to beat Welsh champion rider John Llewellyn on *Sungora*. John Llewellyn was in the wars at the Penttyrch that year as he had three rides and ended up on the deck in all three of them.

'In fact, he was stopped from riding in the last race by the medical officer as it was thought he was suffering with three broken ribs.

'At this meeting, the Vale's Paul Hamer had a treble with *Ratochhu* (members), *Knock On The Head* in the four mile Welsh Point-To-Point Grand National and *Marston Moor* in a division of the maiden race.

'Llewellyn was soon back in form a week later at the Llangeinor where he powered home *Captain Rondo* in the adjacent hunts race. Vivian Hughes won the maiden on *Jim Sleeves*; while at the Banwen Miners' fixture, Llewellyn set a new Welsh record when *Clanger* gave him his 20th winner of the season beating his previous best by one. He also won on *High To* and *One For Mammy*.

'Merthyr Mawr's *Jon Tudor* was successful on *Andreas Boy* in the restricted."

'Welsh Horses Enjoy 1988' was the heading of my final piece on the season which read: 'With *St Helen's Boy* (Llangeinor Hunt) winning the Times Championship and *Tarville* (Gelligaer Farmers) the RMC Group Championship, the 1988 point-to-point season was a particularly good one for Welsh horses.

'Other Welsh winners of hunter chases under rules were *Sweet Rascal*, *Norton's Coin*, *Jack Billmter* and *Final Presence*. The leading horse was Liza Smithson's *Lislary Lad* from the Tredegar Farmers' Hunt. This former inmate of Mercy Rimell's yard won seven men's open races consecutively. *Lislary Lad*'s rider, Tim Jones of Rudry, became only the sixth rider to win the Welsh riders' championship since the competition was first held in 1971."

'The others are reigning champion John Llewellyn, Mike Williams, Tim Rooney, Ross Farr and Paul Hamer. Jones rode 18 winners compared to Llewellyn's 20, but Llewellyn rode several of his winners outside of Wales and these do not count for the Welsh championship.

'However, Llewellyn had some consolation in knowing that the 20 wins he chalked-up beat his own record of 19 wins in a season which he set when winning the national title in 1983. Jones also won the Bill Jones Memorial Trophy awarded to the leading rider in South Wales.

'Tim Jones' sister Pip retained her Welsh title with six wins. She also rode three winners under rules. One of the most outstanding performances of the season was put in by 14-year-old *Fixed Price* from the Talybont. This grand old warrior won a division of the men's open at the Brecon for the fifth year in succession, a feat which will probably never be bettered."

Please email your point-to-point/horse racing stories and pictures to brianlee4@virginmedia.com or phone 02920 736438.

**CARDIFF and Vale College team, The Killers, have eaten up all the competition to claim the Vale Adult Boccia League for 2015.**

Thirteen Boccia teams made up from the Boccia Rollers, Cardiff and Vale College, Hengoed Resource Centre and Woodlands Day Centre competed against each other over 13 weeks, with the Killers coming out on top.

Due to the number of teams taking part this year, the teams were split into two leagues with the top four in each league moving on to the quarter finals.

The final was contested between The Killers and the experienced Boccia Rollers One, and thanks to some extraordinary shots The Killers came out on top in a very competitive final.

Boccia, which is similar to French Boules or Petanque, is a Paralympic and Special Olympic Sport which can be played by all.

This was the second year in a row that a team from Cardiff and Vale College have won the title, and the win

was made even more impressive with the competition being The Killers' first time playing together.

Boccia Rollers Two played Woodlands 3 Amigo's in the third place play off with the Boccia Rollers Two coming out on top.

Councillor Gwyn John, the Vale's Cabinet member for Leisure and Tourism, attended the matches where he presented trophies and plaques to the winning teams during the ceremony.

Simon Jones, Disability Sport Wales Development Officer for the Vale Council, said:

"The league is becoming more and more popular each year. We had 47 adults taking part which is an increase on last year. The standard of play was excellent as always, which created a very competitive league. I would also like to thank Hengoed Resource Centre for staging the league year on year. It's very much appreciated."

If you are interested in playing Boccia or any other Disability Sport please contact Simon Jones on 01446 704728 or sjones@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

## The Barry Darts League round-up

**WITH the final scheduled league games now played, the league table has a familiar look to it.**

The Poachers top the table after two big wins. They first beat the Raiders 19-2, with Charlie James hitting a 180 and Nathan Dyball hitting a 110 out shot.

Then followed a 20-1 win against the Hell Raisers. This leaves them nine points clear of the Cwm Talwg on second place, who beat the Hell Raisers 21-0 and the Mariners 16-5.

The Billy Ghosts are in third position after beating the Park Weasels 13-8. The BFC Allsorts are fourth despite losing 11-10 to the Raiders; Ryan Gratton and Peter deSouza both hit 180s during the match.

The Dockers beat the

Runways on Rhose 17-4 with Barrie Chamberlain hitting a 96 out shot on his 65th birthday.

They followed that game up with a 14-7 win over the Wanderers, Dave Walters hitting a 110 out shot. The Plastics had a 15-6 away win over the Wanderers followed by an 18-3 win over the Loungers.

The Mariners had a good 16-5 away win over the Loungers with Colin Berryman hitting a 180 and Mike Copeland hitting a 140 out shot. In the final fixture the Tynewydd beat the Runways 14-7.

Teams with games outstanding are asked to arrange these fixtures as soon as possible.

The league singles will take place on June 5 at the Cadoston Cons; players must be registered by 8pm.

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 <p><b>NEW!</b></p> <p><b>£350,000</b></p> <p><b>Halley Court, Rhoose</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four (double) Bedroom Detached Family Home</li> <li>• Highly Desirable Rhoose Village • Prime Location</li> </ul>	 <p><b>NEW!</b></p> <p><b>£235,000</b></p> <p><b>Thistle Close, Barry</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 Bedroom Detached House</li> <li>• Highly sought after West End Location • Well Presented and Maintained</li> </ul>	<p><b>YOURS COULD BE SOLD TOO! CALL NOW</b></p>		 <p><b>NEW!</b></p> <p><b>£180,000</b></p> <p><b>Heol Eryr Mor, Barry Island</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached</li> <li>• No Chain • Highly Desirable Barry Island Development</li> </ul>	 <p><b>NEW!</b></p> <p><b>£360,000</b></p> <p><b>Waycock Road, Barry</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 Bedroom Semi Detached Bungalow with 3 Bathrooms</li> <li>• Highly desirable Vale of Glamorgan countryside loc.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>NEW!</b></p> <p><b>£114,950</b></p> <p><b>Vale Street, Barry</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perfect First time Buyer / Investment Opportunity</li> <li>• No Chain • West End location</li> <li>• 2 double bedrooms</li> </ul>	 <p><b>NEW!</b></p> <p><b>£100,000</b></p> <p><b>Cardiff Road, Barry</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large Quirky Maisonette</li> <li>• First Time Buyer or Investor</li> <li>• Two Double Bedrooms</li> <li>• South Facing Garden</li> </ul>	 <p><b>NEW!</b></p> <p><b>£200,000</b></p> <p><b>Harbour Road, Barry</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large Four Bedroom Edwardian Residence</li> <li>• Beautifully modernised</li> <li>• Three Reception Rooms</li> </ul>	 <p><b>NEW!</b></p> <p><b>£150,000</b></p> <p><b>Dyfed, Northcliffe, Penarth</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two bedroom duplex apartment • Newly Refurbished to high standard</li> </ul>	 <p><b>RENT ME!</b></p> <p><b>£650pcm</b></p> <p><b>Palmerston Road, Barry</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three Bedroom Family Home</li> <li>• Open Plan Kitchen and Living Room • 2nd Reception Room • Off Road Parking with Roller Shutters</li> </ul>	



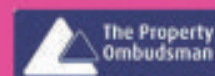
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- EPC Rating - D



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Two Reception Rooms



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**NEW**



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**Gladstone Road, Barry**  
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**Coldbrook Road East, Barry**  
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Modern Kitchen & Bathroom

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Modern Kitchen and Bathroom

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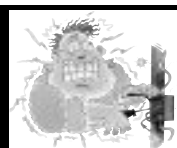
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*He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.*

Resting in the private chapel of The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry until his service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Friday, June 5 at 2pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired may be made at the service to RSPCA in memory of Matthew.

Further enquiries to Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, 01446 407962

### NEVENS

### David

Peacefully on May 16 at Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, David, beloved husband of Mary, loving father of Roger and Edward and a devoted grandfather. Formerly Director of Music at The Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fommon. Funeral Thursday, June 4, service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 2.45pm. No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if desired, to Prostate Cancer Cymru c/o J James, 11 Fommon Road, Rhose, Vale of Glamorgan CF62 3DZ.

### MILES

### Joyce

Peacefully on May 21 at Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, surrounded by her family, Joyce, of Llantwit Major, beloved wife of Bill, devoted mother of Susan and Michael, mother-in-law of Robin and Liz, much loved grandmother of Richard, Eleanor, and Rebecca, and a great grandmother.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fommon. Funeral Monday, June 1, service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 2.45pm. Family flowers only may be sent to the Funeral Home, donations in lieu, if desired, to Seawatch Foundations, c/o J James, 11 Fommon Road, Rhose CF62 3DZ.

### BOYT

### Neil

Peacefully on May 24, Neil Ian Curle (Neil) aged 77 years, of Barry. Dearly loved husband of Ann, very much loved father of Cathryn and the late Jayne, father-in-law of Don. Cherished grandfather of Elin and David, dearly loved brother of Dorothy and Terry. Neil will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

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Funeral will be held at St Helen's Church, Barry on Wednesday, June 3 at 11.30am, afterwards at Barry Cemetery. Floral tributes may be sent to the funeral director.

Further enquiries to Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, 01446 407962.

## EVANS

### Jack

Peacefully on May 18 at Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, Jack aged 94 years of Llantwit Major.

Will be always remembered as an energetic, inspiring influence by his wife Mair, and children, Pauline, Martin, Robin and Helen, also his eight grandchildren. Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fommon. Funeral Friday, May 29, service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 10am. The family request, if possible, to wear something colourful. No flowers by request, donations in lieu if desired to A.M. Unit, Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend.

## JORGENSEN

### Solveig (Sol)

Suddenly on 6 May at her home in Wick. Devoted mother to Seth.

Service and cremation at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Wednesday, 3 June at 3pm. Family flowers only, but donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Ed Evans Foundation, c/o Park Funeral Directors, 7 Tynwydd Road, Barry, CF62 8HB.

## SLOPER

### Marjorie Agnes

Aunt Marge died at Llandough Hospital on May 18, loving aunt to Vivienne and loved cousin to the late Brian Watson, sadly missed by all her nieces and nephews.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fommon. Funeral Tuesday, June 2, service and cremation 11am at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. Family flowers only may be sent to Funeral Home.

## THOMAS

### Elizabeth

Peacefully at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend. Elizabeth, a loving aunt, sadly missed by all family and friends.

Funeral service and interment at St Michael and All Angels Church, Colwinston on Thursday, June 4 at 12.30pm.

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## JONES

### Valerie Joyce (née Morgan)

Peacefully on May 21 at University Hospital of Wales - Valerie aged 86 years, beloved wife of Ashleigh, a loving mother to Christopher and Martyn, a much loved sister and aunt.

Resting at the Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry until her service at their Windsor Road Chapel, Barry (opposite Mount Sorrel Hotel) on Friday, June 5 at 10.45am, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry. Family request cut flowers may be sent to the funeral home. Further enquiries to Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, 01446 407962.

## ANDERSON

### Luke

Kev, Deb, Zoe, Charlie and all the family would like to thank everyone for their kind messages of sympathy and support at this very sad time.

A big thank you to all who made donations via the gofundme website to Breast Cancer or The British Heart Foundation.

Special thanks must go to Lis John (Humanist officiant) and to all the staff at The Old White Hart in Llantwit Major.

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### John William

Suddenly on May 17 at Y Bwthyn Newydd, Bridgend, John of St. Hilary (Mr. Pipe). Beloved husband, father and grandfather.

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## STANTON

### Marie Patricia Lilian

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Wales on Sunday	16,060	Paid £1.50

The GEM's weekly figure includes door to door delivery and numerous popular outlets from Penarth to Porthcawl



# Busy times for the Rhoose Lifeguards!

**THE SLSCB British Championships this year were held at Hengrove School, Bristol for the Masters team and Millfield, Somerset, for the Nippers and Juniors.**

The first of the Rhoose teams to compete were the Masters on March 28 at Hengrove Park Leisure Centre.

With a four person team comprising Simon Parker, Dominic Lee, Jon Foster and Heddus Davies, the team performed very well all picking up medals individually with Dom gaining silver in the Manikin Tow with Fins and Jon gaining bronze in the Rescue Medley.

Simon and Heddus picked up a number of medals, including British Champion golds in their races, with Simon winning gold in the Manikin Carry & Rescue Medley and silver in the Obstacle Race, Manikin Carry with Fins & Manikin Tow with Fins.

Heddus came away with gold in the Manikin Carry & Rescue Medley, silver in the Manikin Tow with Fins and Bronze in the manikin Carry with Fins.

The Masters team would like to thank Tom and Finn for coming along to support and help with timekeeping and manikins.

The Masters team finished in 4th place overall. Well done all!

Next up, a busy weekend lay ahead for the Nippers and Juniors travelling to Millfield School.

On Saturday, April 18, the Nippers kicked off their competition at a packed arena with over 600 children taking part.

Many of the Nippers were competing in events with a number of heats, some with as many as 70 children taking part in their individual age groups.

The team as always put some very impressive displays in the individual and team

events with the following medals won; Evie won gold in the Flipper Race and bronze in the Manikin Race.

Elian won silver in the Manikin Race. Congratulations also to Evie and Alex for winning gold in the Tube Rescue event.

With so many kids taking part the organisers needed as much parent and supporter help as possible with time keeping and other duties and so the club would like to thank all of those who gave up their time to help out on the day.

The Nipper team finished in 13th place overall. Well done to everyone who took part over what was a very long and warm day!

The following day saw the Juniors begin their competition. Again with a keen start and many of the families staying the night from the Nipper competition the day before, the events got underway once again.

With high numbers of juniors competing across the age groups the team from Rhoose again put in some excellent performances with many of the competitors achieving PBs in their races.

The competition at GB level is always very high but the team did very well to achieve Bronze medals in the under-15 and under-19 Girls Medley Relays.

Well done, Millie, Helen, Ruby and Ellie in the under-15s; and Kelsea, Kathryn, Lauren and Kirby in the under-19s.

As throughout the competition weekend, thanks again to all those who helped with supporting duties over the course of the weekend.

The junior team finished in a very respectable seventh place overall.

Well done to all who competed and helped out on the day. **JF**





## Nippers and Juniors dive into Triathlon with enthusiasm!



Over 50 Nippers and Juniors attended the inaugural Bay SLSC Novice Triathlon, which was held at Maindy swimming pool and cycling track on May 9.

Transition areas were marked out, gleaming bikes (and scooters!) were racked and all competitors numbered and marshals in place.

With ages ranging from under 7 to 16 they were split into different distance groups.

There was plenty of smiles and excitement and encouragement and cheers from parents, grandparents and friends as the whistle blew to begin the swim section. There were some impressive



recorded in the pool and it was then a quick change ready for the cycle stage.

Some used the track banking to gain additional speed during the ride while other little legs powered around on their scooters!

Next came the important transition from bike to run and with only a few signs of wobbly

legs, every single one of our young triathletes completed the course, picking up a well-deserved medal and bag of sweets for their hard work, effort and great determination.

The day was rounded off with a celebratory fundraising barbecue at Whitmore Bay lifeguard hut.

A great day was had

by all involved and the children are very keen to undertake a second event next year. It was deemed excellent team and fitness preparation for the up and coming surf lifesaving season in 2015.

A big thank goes to all involved in the planning and running of such a successful event.

JD

## Imps pick up league title



ABOVE: Pictured are Cadoxton Imps Devils after winning the year-10 Championship for season 2014/15. Manager Alan Smith would like to say a massive well done to all the players, as well as thanks to Len Western, Arthur Thompson and all our parents and supporters. Special thanks also go to sponsors Rim Motors, LDS and especially to Ceri of Lectorheat Industrial Heating Limited, who provided the playing kit.

## Glory days of the Welsh Steeplechase jockeys

BACK in 1993, I wrote a little book called *Welsh Steeplechase Jockeys* which was published by Cwmnedd Press.

The book, which had a foreword by Sir Harry Llewellyn of Foxhunter fame, and an introduction by Rodge Farrant, then clerk of the course at Chepstow, is now out of print.

When space allows, The Gem will be using excerpts from it.

This week, we feature Henry Potts.

The Liverpool Steeplechase of 1837 is recognised by some racing historians as the very first Grand National.

Indeed, when the Liverpool Racecourse Executive announced

the conditions for the 1937 race they described it as 'The Centenary of the Grand National Steeplechase'.

How appropriate that it was a Welshman, Henry Potts, who was successful in that historic race which was held at Maghull, not Aintree.

Born in 1810, at the ancestral home of his family, Glan-yr-Afon, near Mold in Denbighshire, Mr Potts, an ardent huntsman, rode as a last minute replacement for an injured rider believed to be Captain Becher of Aintree fame.

Riding a horse called *The Duke* to victory over three other rivals, Mr Potts was a bit ashamed of himself as he had ridden unknown to his parents.

Although steeplechasing was beginning to capture the imagination of the public for the first time, it must be remembered that in the early days, the sport did give the unscrupulous the opportunity to pull a flanker or two.

Hence Mr Potts' reluctance to be associated with the world of steeplechasing.

Next time, we will take a look at W H P Jenkins who began his race riding career when winning a steeplechase at Crwys Farm near where Heath Hospital now stands and Gwyn Saunders Davies, who rode in five successive Grand Nationals between 1896-1900.

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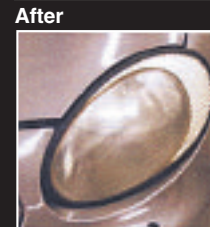
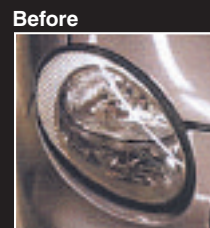
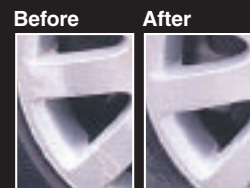
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# Rider Nick's point-to-point double delight!

**OG MORE - by Sea's Nick Williams was in fine form at the West Wales Area Club Point To Point Steeplechases at Lydstep near Tenby on Sunday.**

Nick, riding Mrs Carmen Goldsworthy's Captain Camelot, won the open maiden race by 25 lengths from Earth Tremor and in a much closer affair he took the restricted race on Elvert Wilkins' seven-year-old brown gelding Good Grammar, which got home by a head from Redbridge Rebel.

Captain Camelot is trained by Gary Moore at Pyle, near Bridgend, and Good Grammar is trained by former rider Dean Coleman, who hails from Cowbridge but who now trains at Amroth.

Another rider who came away with a double was reigning Welsh champion John Mathias, who was successful on the seven-year-old chestnut Dream Bolt in the intermediate race and the prolific Rosies Cousin in the men's open.

Dream Bolt won by 20 lengths from the odds-on favourite Mister Bricolage and the odds-on Rosies Cousin came home 30 lengths ahead of David Brace's BringtontheBranston.

Rosies Peacock, who played up going to the start, was winning for the eighth time over the Lydstep course and has now won 28 races.

Miss Treacle, the rank 33-1 outsider in a field of eight, came from nowhere to win the

mares and fillies race by a length from Princess Tina.

Owned and trained by Shan Morgan, of Mandryka fame, Miss Treacle was ridden by Devon's Will Gordon who recently rode his first winner.

There were only three runners for the ladies' open race and when Louis Ludwig unseated Jessica Mills at the third fence, the race became a match between Keith Pritchard's Watch The Birdie, the long odds-on favourite, and Liz Egerton's Heavenstown.

The pair raced together on the second circuit but eventually Watch The Birdie, partnered by Hannah Lewis, drew away to win by four lengths.

The old adage always bet the outsider in a three horse race certainly paid off in the mares and fillies only race when Renta Gallery, a 10-1 chance, well-ridden by Bradley Gibbs, had two lengths to spare at the finish over the odds-on favourite Kimora.

Gibbs said about the nine-year-old chestnut mare: "She jumped well and put her head down in the closing stages and ran on well." Renta Gallery is owned by Treorkey's Dr Adrian Thomas and trained by his son Richard, who was saddling his first winner.

Connor Brace, aged 13, won both pony races that were held. He won the 138cms race on Molly and the 148cms race on Peateah.

**ROGER'S FPOS LAS WINNER**  
**Bridgend builder Roger Willcox had**

plenty to smile about at Ffos Las over the Bank Holiday, when his eight-year-old bay gelding Patricktom Boru easily won the opening Bet To Te P L a c e P o t Handicap Chase.

Roger, who is well-known on the Welsh hunt racing circuit, had earlier run Patricktom Boru in the Dunraven Hunters' Chase in April.

Patricktom Boru is now trained by Evan Williams at Llancarfan, who later saddled Zarzal, winner of the Totepool Bet On All UK Handicap Hurdle.

He also saddled the runner up Battlecat. Both Patricktom Boru and Zarzal were ridden by Adam Wedge.

**VALE RIDERS' SUCCESS**

**Tom David and James Tudor both rode winners at the Berks & Bucks And Staff College Draghounds Point-To-Point at Kingston Blount on Sunday.**

Tom won the intermediate race on 4-1 c h a n c e BankSandDitches and James the men's open on the odds-on favourite Harbour Court.

**BRIAN LEE**

# 'NEW2GOLF' LADIES GET IN THE SWING FOR VELINDRE



Left to right, entrants to the Golf4Life Fun competition: Lindsay Guthrie – winner of five hole comp; Jane Williams; Emily Pullham – winner of nine hole comp; Louise Dixon; Shirley Hamill; Helen Archer; Gaynor Openshaw-Smith; Esther Storey; Hayley Hughes; Kat Ambrozaki; Lizzie Evans; Andrea Kitzinger; Cheryl Hopkins; Olivia Sherrin.

**GOLF professional Gareth Bennett and Cottrell Park Golf Resort have been raising funds for Velindre Hospital in Whitchurch since August 2014.**

Fundraising was initiated through the Golf Development Wales 'New2Golf' scheme encouraging beginners and lapsed golfers to take up the game of golf.

Gareth qualified as a PGA Professional in 2007 and became one of Cottrell Park's professionals in October 2013.

He offered his coaching services free of charge for the Golf4Life named sessions and all

participants paid £5 per week or £25 for six weeks.

The hour-long sessions covered all aspects of the game and finished with an on-course fun competition.

All proceeds were collected and £720 was raised.

In addition, the club arranged for pink golf shirts to be logo'd and sold with a contribution of £10 per shirt to be donated to the charity. In total, 27 shirts were sold raising a further £270.

More recently, Gareth has been coaching a group from 'Spindogs', a local leading web design and developments agency. They donated

£300 for lessons for their employees and clients

with 71 shots. Both winners received a 30 minute golf lesson with Gareth Bennett.

In total, £1,500 was raised for Velindre Hospital, including a donation of £120 from Cottrell Park Golf Resort. A cheque presentation took place on Friday, May 22.

Velindre Cancer Centre provides specialist cancer services to over 1.5 million people in south east Wales and beyond and

they are one of the largest cancer centres in the UK. Gareth commented: "The New2Golf scheme at Cottrell Park has been hugely successful. On a personal note, it feels great to be able to give back to the game of golf by providing free lessons and giving opportunities to people to take up this great game and structured pathways to membership. At the same time, we raise money for a fantastic charity."

The winner of the five hole comp was Lindsay Guthrie with 36 shots and Emily Pullham won the nine hole competition

with 71 shots. Both winners received a 30 minute golf lesson with Gareth Bennett.

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## Learn archery at local school

**BUDDING bowmen and aspiring archers are invited to try out archery with Caerau Dragons Bowmen on Sunday, May 31, between 10.30am-4pm at St Richard Gwyn RC High School, Argae Lane, Barry – even if they have never picked up a bow and arrow before.**

Not only will visitors be able to try out a new sport, they will also have the opportunity to meet new friends – there will be plenty of current club members to lend a hand and chat about how they got started in archery.

All equipment will be provided, therefore all participants need to do is bring along themselves and plenty of enthusiasm!

To find out more visit [www.archerygb.org/](http://www.archerygb.org/) bigweekend or contact Simon Miskin on 07974786235 for local information.

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## Good week for Romilly bowlers

**ROMILLY Bowling Club had another good week with two wins and a loss winning their Munro Cup and S V L A games but going down to Barry Athletic in a friendly.**

Romilly 'A' side are unbeaten in the S V L A Cup and on Saturday they travelled to play Llantwit Major, confident but expecting a hard game against a side that are always difficult to beat on their own green.

'The Rom' welcomed the return of Des Bannister and Tony Freeman at skip to boost the side and by the fifth end Bannister was ahead by three but Freeman was struggling at seven down.

Bryn Gough's rink was also struggling at nine behind and although Howard Jones rink was ahead, albeit by one shot, the overall score at this stage saw Romilly behind by 12 shots, 14-26.

After such a poor start the game was always going to be a struggle for 'The Rom' to recover but by the 10th end the Romilly players were showing their battling qualities, recovering to take a one shot lead.

As the game progressed Romilly were beginning to take control with the rinks of Bannister, Jones and Freeman ahead by the 15th end and only Gough's rink behind, allowing 'The Rom' a 19 shot advantage going into the final quarter.

Romilly maintained their form over the final six ends to run out convincing winners by 16 shots, 93-77, remaining unbeaten and taking 12 points to Llantwit's two.

Rink scores: K Clements/C Tapscott/M Gronow/D Bannister 26-18; C Davies/D Noble/B Cheal/A Freeman 22-16; D Mottram/K Westgate/P Clarke/H D Jones 19-15; L Jones/R James/B Wyatt/B Gough 26-28.

**The Romilly club side had a friendly game against a strong Barry Athletic team away at their Island green in readiness for the league season starting this Saturday away to Ferndale.**

The Romilly players always look forward to playing this fixture, not only to test themselves against formidable opponents but to play on a green which is always presented in pristine condition and a pleasure to play on.

On a warm sunny day the game began with the Athletic taking an early 10 shot lead by the fifth end; by the 10th end the deficit had doubled to 20 shots.

Romilly were under the cosh and were finding it difficult to cut the deficit in the face of some fine bowling by Athletic skips Glyn Thomas and Martin Clarke.

At end 15 'The Rom' had fallen further behind with the rinks of Fred Phillips and Brian Foscolo struggling against Thomas and Clarke's rinks, being down 10 shots and 16 shots respectively; the other rinks skipped by Jeff Wright and Graham Cogbill were holding their own, being just one behind and one ahead respectively against the rinks of Dave Wright and Rob Horgan.

Over ends 16 to 21 Romilly could not make any inroads as 'The Athletic' maintained their stranglehold on the game and ran out worthy winners by 31 shots, 61-92.

Romilly gained a 12-2 victory over Cowbridge in their latest Munro Cup fixture and remain unbeaten.

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## The Barrivale Bridge results

**LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for May 19:**

1st Denis Mottram & Noelle Bond 59.90%; =2nd Debbie & Simon Richards 58.85%; =2nd Kay Dyer & Peter Millar 58.85%; Debbie and Simon Richards won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. A partner may be arranged if required.

If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Alternatively beginners or improvers/new starters would be welcome on a Friday at 9.45am at the above address.

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## Derby delight for the Barry Athletic CC

**ON Saturday, Barry Athletic Cricket Club 1st XI entertained Sully Centurions at The Athletic Ground.**

Captain John Gee won the toss and asked the visitors to bat first on a wonderful sunny afternoon and Sully were soon in trouble as they lost their first two wicket with just 19 on the board.

With Tom Davies caught brilliantly at short cover by Rhett Jones for 3 off the bowling of Lewis Doel and Fendouz bowled for 4 off the first ball of Steve Provis' season, there was then a partnership of 55 between Singh and Ellis before Singh was given out plumb LBW off the bowling of Griffith.

At 76 Griffith took his second wicket when he had Lloyd Bruce caught by Steve Jones for 0; Ellis was still there and keeping the innings together, and it soon became 93 for 5 when Sullivan was run out for 2, in a spell of bowling between Gee and Griffith that produced 20 overs, five maidens and two wickets for the cost of only 43 runs.

Sandip Sohkan was next to go with the score on 111 when he was caught by Martin Baker off the bowling of Frost for 11, and at 137 N.

Jones was run out going for the third run.

On 158 it was 9 wickets down when Christian Bruce, who had been caught behind a few balls earlier and had not walked, was out LBW off the bowling of Steve Jones, and it was then 159 for 9 when Steve Provis had Cuddihy caught by Nathan Baker for 0.

All along Ellis was holding the innings together and when the last wicket fell of Davies, caught by Nathan Baker off the bowling of Steve Jones, Sully were all out for 174 in the 43rd over with Ellis left stranded and carrying his bat for 86 not out.

Barry's openers Steve Provis and Nathan Baker were not going to waste any time as they both went about the Sully attack with some gusto and panache, with Baker getting off the mark on the second ball when he put Lloyd Bruce out of the ground.

The third over of the inning went for 11 as Provis showed no mercy to the bowling of Santos Singh; then Provis showed no mercy to Lloyd Bruce, who took himself off after his third over had gone for 16 and his 3 over spell had cost 28 runs.

Singh was still on at the other end and was being given a batting

masterclass from both Baker and Provis, who were brutally efficient against his bowling; he was eventually taken out of the bowling attack after his 8 overs had cost 58 runs.

Both Provis, in 53 balls with 9 fours and 1 six, and Baker, in 54 balls with 4 fours and 3 sixes, both reached the 50 run mark, but it did not take long for the game to come to an end after just 18.4 overs, with Barry (175 for 0) earning a massive 10 wicket win with Provis 94 not out from 53 balls with 16 fours and 1 six, and Baker 79 not out from 49 balls and 6 fours and 5 sixes.

### MURPHY 100 SEES BARRY 2NDS TO MASSIVE WIN

On Saturday Barry Athletic's 2nd XI made the short journey to Sully where they made hay in the sunshine, as Paul Murphy showed some excellent form as he took apart the Sully bowlers on his way to another 100 against Sully much like the year before.

Murphy (118) along with Ashley Baker (79), Lee Morgan (64 not out) and Hugh Smith (61) took Barry to a massive 364 for 4 in their 45 overs with the only bowler of note doing anything for Sully being

R. Griffith with 2 for 58.

In reply Sully were bowled out for 104 with Billy Usswald taking 6 for 6 and Mitchel Taylor Moore taking 2 for 38, with only Peter Thomas showing any resistance with 38.

A massive 260 run win for Barry and a fine day for the whole club in their 125th anniversary year.

Barry Athletic would like to thank The Quays Consortium, Barry Waterfront for their sponsorship of Saturday's game at the Island against Sully.

**Last Wednesday Barry Athletic made their return to midweek cricket when they travelled to Sully Hospital to play Barry Wanderers in a cup game and beat their hosts by four wickets.**

Barry Wanderers batted first and reached 167 for 4 off their 20 overs with Hill getting 50 not out for the home side and Watson 1 for 17, Griffith 1 for 21, K. Ferriday 1 for 25 and E. Fid 1 for 27.

Barry Athletic in reply reached 169 for 6 in 18 overs with Nathan Baker (55 including 7 sixes), Paul Murphy (29 not out) and Mitchel Taylor-Moore (17) taking The Stags to a fine four wicket win and an away tie against Barry West End.

This weekend Barry Athletic 1st XI travel away to Ponthir, with the 2nd XI entertaining the same opponents' 2nd XI at the Island.

On Tuesday evenings the club will be running junior training sessions at The Athletic Ground, Barry Island between 6pm and 7.15pm, so if you are interested in your children getting involved in the sport then bring them along.

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## BLACK BELT REWARD FOR TAE KWON DO STUDENTS

**AFTER five years of training and dedication, first degree black belts are the reward for five local students of the Cadoxton School of Tae Kwon Do.**

The grading exam started by testing both the candidates and examiners to the full. The students were put through their paces by Master Ron Thomas (eighth degree), Dutch Master Jaap Teeuwissen (seventh degree), assisted by second degrees Mr Matthew Bennett and Mrs Anita Sheppard.

The examination consisted of all the traditional aspects of Tae Kwon Do - patterns, set sparring, free sparring, self-defence, weapons, and theory tests and to complete the exam a power test consisting of breaking wood with the hands and feet.

After the exam, Master Thomas and Master Teeuwissen complemented the group and their

instructors on their high and ever improving standard of Tae Kwon Do.

A celebration buffet and disco was held at the West End club where certificates and new black belts were presented to all the successful candidates.

The following day there was a full day's training with Master Thomas and Master Teeuwissen, with coloured belts in the morning, while the afternoon was for black belts and senior grades.

Pictured with the examiners are the successful candidates: Master Ron Thomas, Anita Sheppard, Master Jaap Teeuwissen, Matthew Bennett; Daniel Quigley, Cian Allen, Joel Wells, Cody Jacobsen and Jake Quigley.

For further information and training times call 01446 406372 or 07811 934079.

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## Munro defeat for Cadoxton

**ON a pleasant evening, although there was a fairly strong wind, Dinas Powis were the visitors to Cadoxton for a Munro Cup match; they proved too strong for the home side and were successful on all rinks.**

Gordon Davies fell 8-2 behind against the Chris Bates rink, but by the ninth end had recovered to just one shot behind at 9-10. However only two more singles were added with 13 shots scored against.

John Jones had Alan Jones as his opposing skip and managed just six singles and a two, while the visitors scored three '3's and four '2's in their score.

Don Kunnell skipped his rink against Neil Giles and made a promising start with the two leads, Rob Byrne and Joe Cole, fighting for supremacy, as the first six ends brought three singles each; however a disastrous three ends saw 11 shots conceded.

Scores: E Heppenstall, D Hammond, J Ferguson, G Davies 11-23 D James, R Horton, M Seaford, C Bates; S Clements, P Swannick, D Jeffries, J Jones 8-21 T Gittens, R Diment, D Ireland, A Jones; R Byrne, D Fanning, I Robertson, D Kunnell 6-23 J Coles, H Lamont, A Locker, N Giles; G Powell, D Evans, G Solomon, H Craven 8-29 R Fear, J Follow, M Gershenon, D Jones.

Final score: 49-84.

### CADOXTON V SULLY - FRIENDLY

A friendly match was arranged at Sully during a blank week in the fixture list during which Cadoxton had a comprehensive win with a triple, skipped by Derek Brook, against an opposing triple; the other three rinks went in favour of the home side.

Scores: D Evans, C Michael, G Brown, J Jones 12-20 A Kelly, S Norris, A Thomas, D Curtis; P Swannick, P Ellis, K Chedgoy, R Harding 10-17 B Curtis, G Jones, T Murphy, HL Jones; L Davies, D Jeffries, G Davies 13-16 P Neal, A Rees, D Edwards; J Stacey, I Robertson, D Brook 22-11 E Pryer, D Davies, A Smith. Final score: 57-64.

### CADOXTON 'A' V MILLWOOD 'A'

Cadoxton met Millwood, at home, in the last game of the SVLA and were satisfied with a narrow victory.

The rink skipped by Dennis Hammond played a major role in the success with a big win against Peter Taylor's rink. The large win did not seem on the cards with eight ends gone and the scores level.

However at this stage the rout commenced, which included four '3's, a '4' and four singles, while conceding only two ends.

Dai Tuck's rink was matched against Derek Gorrington and

despite losing a '4' on the first end they lead 9-7 on the sixth after picking up a '5'. The visitors had a winning run which was stopped with a '3'; however they managed to hold the lead for a narrow away success.

Graham Garland skipped the home rink against Joe Butler, and held a 12-11 advantage after 14 ends. However they failed to finish well with a '5' and two '3's ensuring success for the visitors.

David Fanning skipped another close match after a bad start, when they trailed 7-1 after five ends. By the ninth end they had recovered including a '4' and '3' to lead 10-7.

They reached 13 still holding a three shot lead but failed to score while the opposition took a one shot advantage. In the closing stages a '3' was scored with two '3's against which gave the visitors another narrow rink success, but not the match win.

Scores: R Cole, J Smart, H Craven, D Fanning 18-21 S Sewell, H Hodgkinson, T Mullins, AA Williams; G Powell, R Byrne, S Clarke, D Hammond 29-10 J Marks, P Childs, R Wills, P Taylor; R Morris, A Field, J Ferguson, G Garland 14-23 B Howcroft, A Hardwick, K Thomas, J Butler; S Clements, I Heppenstall, G Solomon, D Tuck 18-20 M Evans, D Woodfin, C Mallows, D Gorrington. Final score: 79-74.

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## Results from the Sully Bridge Club

**MONDAY, North/South:**

1st Peter Millar/Jane Brook 66.99, 2nd Patsy Cohen/Joy Secular 58.65, 3rd Vernon Pearn Pam Sherman 56.73. East/West: 1st Trish Tracy/Diana Jones 71.96, 2nd Carolyn Matthews/Alan Jones 55.29, 3rd Roger Cradick/Richard Allely 55.13.

Wednesday, May 20, North/South: 1st Peter Millar/Trish Tracy 71.35, 2nd Diane Coates/Kathy Coates 66.67, 3rd Ann Williams/Marilyn Jones 60.94.

East/West: 1st Hazel Craig/Peter Craig 63.72, 2nd Anne Johns/Bunty Wiseman 57.52, 3rd John Pikoulis/Jane Greatrex 56.02.

Saturday, May 23, North/South: 1st Sue Knight/Brian Knight 54.76, 2nd Peter Millar/Trish Tracy 54.46, 3rd Kay Duer/Reg Dyer 53.87. East/West: 1st Mary Cartwright/Pat Verdon 58.02, 2nd Anne MacDougal/Sean MacDougal 57.14, 3rd Peter Blackwell/Mary Blackwell 52.68.

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